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THE WEATHER: Light to heavy rain, veering to the South or S.E. this afternoon. Overcast and hazy with a risk of local light rain this evening.

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Disconcerting Deficiency

THE popular attitude to the complex machinery which strives not only to maintain law and order in Hong Kong, but to ensure that justice is done Society through the criminal and civil courts, is largely one of indifference. Wherefore the addresses given by the Chief Justice and the Attorney-General at Monday's opening of the Assizes provide a welcome and pertinent reminder to the public that its interests in the sphere of law enforcement are being carefully and industriously protected. But the limitations imposed on the existing legal machinery were also clearly exposed. Statistics indicate that crime is not notably on the increase, yet the burdens placed on the existing courts charged with dispensing justice are disturbingly severe. Despite the creation of additional District and Magistrates Courts, there is a continuous "hang-over" of cases involving both civil litigation and criminal proceedings. The obvious solution is the provision of more courts and the recruitment of more judges and magistrates—but what is obvious seemingly is not easy to accomplish. It is a subject which appears to call for deeper, and perhaps in some quarters, more sympathetic consideration. Is it that the men possessing the desired qualifications are being discouraged from accepting judicial and magisterial appointments because the inducements are inadequate?

QUICK and effective law enforcement is complementary to and equally as important as preventive operations carried out by the police force. For the latter the question of under establishment is not even permitted to arise; it is recognised by the community that an insufficiently manned and understaffed police force would be disastrous to the interests and protection of the public. The attitude to the inefficiency of courts and officers to preside over them appears to be one of almost unconcern. The figures quoted by the Chief Justice revealing the extent to which our magistrates and other courts are overworked should be impressive enough for everyone to heed. And if the problem can be resolved by reasonably additional expenditure, proper action in this direction should be no longer delayed. The public is entitled to what, in this case, can be placed in the category of "essential services," and the community will not begrudge extra payments from the Treasury if this results in a satisfactory solution to what is quite clearly an urgent problem.

NATIONALISTS HIT BACK AT TOUMEN

Non-stop Raids On Red Invasion Base SHIPS BOMBARDED

Taipei, Jan. 19. Nationalist planes overnight and again today bombed and strafed Communist-held Toumen island, in non-stop raids on the base from which Communist forces yesterday invaded Yikiangshan Island. Nationalist air force sources said that wave after wave of heavy and light Nationalist bombers blasted Toumen Island, two and a half miles north of Yikiangshan, and Communist "fleet concentrations" opposite the tiny island with "a big number" of bombs. "We are still carrying out our bombing missions in that area," a Nationalist air force spokesman said. "Preliminary reports we received from bombing missions throughout the night were very good," he added. Nationalist non-stop bombing attacks blasted the Communist-held island of Yikiangshan. Sources admitted they had given up the island after being out-matched by an "overwhelming invading force."

GALLANTLY RESISTING But they claimed that guerrillas on Yikiangshan were still "gallantly resisting" the invaders. Nationalist guns, which were installed on Yikiangshan for shelling the Communist island of Toumen, would be destroyed or abandoned by the Nationalists. Nationalist political observers were of the opinion that the invasion of Yikiangshan was a Communist test of American reaction after the signing of the United States-Formosa mutual defence treaty. They said Tachen had so far not been invaded. Nationalist Chinese military commanders attended an emergency conference at the Defence Ministry Building until midnight last night discussing counter-measures against the Communist invasion. A communiqué issued after the conference said: "since 0700 on January 18 over 100 Communist planes continuously bombed Yikiangshan. Over 300 bombs were dropped."

The communiqué continued: "meanwhile the Communist Eastern China fleet, comprising two newly reinforced Russian aid destroyers, four gunboats, five patrol boats, 20 small gunboats and landing craft and over 100 motorised junks, were thrown into the invasion of Yikiangshan. COURAGEOUS DEFENCE Though the number of the garrison guerrillas was small, they courageously defended the island and resisted the assault, inflicting heavy casualties on the Communists. "While the Communists were invading Yikiangshan, gunfire on Tachen shot down one TU and one LA 11. They crashed into the sea near Tachen. "Garrisons on Yikiangshan damaged two Communist gunboats. One caught fire and later sank and the other was towed towards Haimen, northeast of Tachen."

DUE TODAY



Lieut.-General, Sir Otto Lund, Commissioner-in-chief of the St John Ambulance Brigade, is due to arrive in Hong Kong this afternoon by air from London. He is on a world tour of inspection and has already visited Colombo and Singapore. After Hong Kong, he will visit Australia and will then proceed to New Zealand and Canada before returning to London in March. —Reuterphoto.

WINTER FLOODS RAVAGE EUROPE

And The Weather Highlights:—

Bonn Parliament Inundated North Scotland 'Like Arctic'

Rising floodwaters of the Rhine today poured into the Bonn Parliament House and the building of the United States High Commission. All works came to a standstill. Sea floods swamped the West Italian coast, while overflowing rivers drove hundreds of people from their homes in France. Other weather highlights from Reuter dispatches were: GERMANY: The middle Rhine continued to rise all through the day and by early of noon was only three feet off the "catastrophe level". THE HAGUE: Holland blanketed with the heaviest snowfall since 1848 expects yet more snow and dangerous roads await 200,000 Carlo rally teams due tomorrow. PARIS: The Rhine broke its banks and drove 180 people from their homes in a Lyons suburb today. Most French rivers are rising. Telephone services were cut and trains delayed. The Seine, still rising, carried uprooted trees through the heart of Paris. STOCKHOLM: New heavy snowfalls in the southern province of Scania closed schools and buried lorries and vans. Icebreakers are trying to free 30 ships locked in the ice bound Lake Vänern near Gothenburg. Whirlwind Strikes A whirlwind yesterday damaged 90 per cent of the roofs in Reichenhall, Upper Austria. COPENHAGEN: Denmark is still largely paralysed by Sunday's snowfall the heaviest in 30 years and more snow has fallen. OSLO: First Aid stations are coping with many cases of frost-bite. EDINBURGH: Thousands of men, women and children, facing hunger and cold in the snow wastes of Northern Scotland, scanned the sky anxiously today for relief planes. Snow Still Falling The Navy and the Air Force joined forces to get food through to communities cut off for almost a week by the heaviest snowfalls in living memory. Today with snow still falling, helicopters flew non-stop over the Highlands, dropping food and medicine to villagers, farmers and lonely farms. A Wick town official, helping to organise aid, said "The north of Scotland has become like the Arctic. Nothing like this has ever been known before." —Reuter.

Captain Hood Awarded £4,000 In UK Libel Case

London, Jan. 18. A New Zealand sea Captain whose ship was forcibly seized by Chinese Nationalists near Hong Kong, was awarded £4,000 damages with costs by a jury in a libel action today. The Captain, Mr James Moncrieff Hood, 56, of Nelson, New Zealand, was locked in his cabin under armed guard when members of the crew took control of the ship. The Captain, Hood, and his wife, Mrs. Hood, were taken to a Chinese Nationalist warship in 1951. Captain Hood complained that Reuter's report of the incident published in New Zealand papers and in Lloyd's list, a shipping newspaper, in England had damaged him. Enquiry by the Chinese Nationalist News Agency had stated the Captain Hood had been falsely cleared from Hong Kong for Kobe, Japan, when it was really going to a Communist Chinese port. And it had alleged that he said: "I don't care a damn. What I want is my salary." This message, he claimed, had affected his chances of getting another command. Captain Hood gave evidence yesterday. Cross-examined today by Mr H. Milmo, for Reuters, Captain Hood was asked about a letter he wrote in November 1951 in which he said the only part of the world where he could get work was in the East. He insisted that that was an accurate statement at that time. He was convinced he could not get a steady job in Australia, New Zealand or the United Kingdom. Mr Milmo said that in actions heard in New Zealand it was conceded what had been said about the Captain was untrue and damages were awarded on that basis. What bar was there after that to Captain Hood obtaining employment in New Zealand? Captain Hood replied people felt there was still something he must have been up to which only Reuters knew about. He agreed Reuters were in no way responsible for articles which appeared in newspapers in Hong Kong and Singapore. He received between £800 and £850 from a Hong Kong newspaper and about £120 from one in Singapore. Captain Hood said his claim against 12 newspapers he sued in New Zealand totalled £10,700 and he was awarded in all £2,087. Mr Milmo asked: "you have not got an action up your sleeve against Lloyd's in respect of that, have you?" Captain Hood said he had not. Asked if his object in bringing the present action was to collect more damages, Captain Hood replied: "No, the object is to know in my own mind in the years to come that Reuters have nothing incriminating about me in their archives." (Cont'd on back page, Col. 3)



Bing Crosby To Undergo Big Kidney Operation

Hollywood, Jan. 18. Bing Crosby will undergo a major operation tomorrow for removal of a kidney stone because treatment to eliminate it was unsuccessful. He will enter the operating room at St John's Hospital in Santa Monica at 7.30 a.m. (1030 GMT) for the 1½-hour operation by Dr Frederick Schlumberger. The surgeon said today that Mr Crosby was in good condition and, although the operation was considered major, "there is no reason to call it serious." Mr Crosby entered the hospital yesterday morning in pain from the recurrent kidney ailment. He underwent an operation for removal of a kidney stone several years ago. Dr Schlumberger explained, but "about a year ago we first noticed the stone was forming again." He said various forms of treatment were tried to "pass" the stone but "it became too big to be passed so we must operate." The singer will remain in the hospital for from seven to 10 days and then he will have to recuperate "probably for 30 days at home," the doctor said. —United Press.

No Relaxation Of Embargo Says US Official

Washington, Jan. 18. The Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, made it clear today that the United States would continue to ban the export of strategic goods to the Communist world but he acknowledged commodities might provide "basic understanding" and contribute to peace. Mr Wilson was urging Congressional approval of President Eisenhower's foreign economic programme in testimony before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee. "We hope to deny through controls trade in strategic items to the Communist bloc until it is clear to the free world that through a change in attitude on the part of the Communists that such materials will not be used to build up a powerful military machine for aggression against the free world. "Trade in carefully screened non-strategic items with the Communist bloc may at some time help to promote some basic understanding that will ultimately contribute to peace in the world." —France-Press.

New Battle In Costa Rica

San Jose, Jan. 18. Loyalist and rebel forces clashed in the Costa Rican north-west of San Jose late today with the decisive battle of the Costa Rican revolution believed to be imminent. Costa Rican Air Force transport pilots returning from the battle zone reported that about 75 rebels were killed with mortars and weapons carried into about 300 government troops, touching off a pitched battle. Both sides rushed reinforcements to the scene. Meanwhile, the rebel radio broadcast a claim that additional troops had been landed on both the east and west coasts of the country. —France-Press.

RACING CARNIVAL: SECOND DAY

Big Crowd, Fast Track At Valley

Cloudy but mild weather saw the opening of the second day's racing at Happy Valley in the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual meeting today. A big crowd was present for the first race at noon and by the time the third race was due to begin the stands were almost full. The track was fast, indicating good times would be returned. The principal event of the programme — the Ladies Purse — was run off at 1.30 — the race before the tiffin interval. Here are the results of the first three races together with cash sweepstakes.

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STOP PRESS

His Unusual Cure For 'Painter's Colic'

London, Jan. 18. A 35-year-old married man called at houses asking women to stand on his stomach to cure his "Painter's Colic," a Court was told at Oldham, Hants today. The man, Albert Williams, appeared in court to answer a charge that he "without just or legal cause placed himself on the premises of Phyllis Piddington and conducted himself in a disorderly manner wherefore the complainant prayed that the defendant be required to enter into sureties to keep the peace and be of good behaviour." Eighteen-year-old Miss Piddington, a pretty London student, told the court that Williams called at a house at which she was staying in nearby Dogmersfield. She said that Williams told her he was suffering from "Painter's Colic." He said that this meant he should have weights placed on his stomach and usually he had someone to sit or stand on him. NOT HEAVY ENOUGH Miss Piddington added that she stood on his stomach for about a minute but was told she was not heavy enough. She continued: "I said there was a large man next door and I would fetch him." He said a woman would be better so I fetched a woman from next door and we both stood on his stomach. "After we had stood on his stomach two or three times, he said he felt better and went away. A Detective said Williams made a statement admitting that he had called on women and asked them to stand on his stomach because he was interested in weight-lifting. He had never suffered from "Painter's Colic." Williams had also said that he had had a serious accident on a motor bicycle and felt he was not responsible for his actions at the time. The case was adjourned for four weeks for a medical report on Williams. —Reuter.

Advertisement for Parisette perfume, featuring a woman's face and the text 'From Paris A Little Gift They All Cherish' and 'Parisette ALL OF FRENCH ORIGIN'.

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U.N. Mission Will Be Successful When 11 Returned —DULLES' OPINION

Washington, Jan. 18.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today that the Hammarskjold mission to Peking could only be considered successful when the American airmen imprisoned in China have been returned to the United States.

Mr Dulles told his weekly press conference: "These people were under United Nations command fighting a United Nations war and it is up to the United Nations to get them out. Now, if they fail and cannot get them out, then we will have to deal with them ourselves."

The UN Secretary-General is scheduled to visit Washington tomorrow to confer with Mr Dulles and report on his mission to Peking.

Mr Dulles said he wanted to talk with Mr Hammarskjold because "I feel we owe a duty to the families of the prisoners to get all the information we can. I want to get it first hand for my own guidance and to inform the families."

I will probably be able also to explain to Mr Hammarskjold the problems which we face here in this country in maintaining a position of standing side to side with the United Nations try to work this problem out. I don't think that can go on forever. But as long as there is a reasonable hope in the United Nations we are going to give them a chance to do what they can, and we certainly hope they will succeed."

France-Press.

Hook, Line And Sinker

Perth, Jan. 18.

An eight-foot blue whaler shark, a three-foot gunny shark and a large turtle were caught together with one bait by professional fishermen off Busselton, West Australia.

They reported that the gunny shark took the bait, the blue whaler took the gunny and an "old man" turtle had got his long neck looped round the line on top of the two fish. — China Mail Special.

French Shopkeepers Tax Protest

Paris, Jan. 18.

The French police tonight drastically curtailed the plans of a 24-year-old French bookseller to hold a mammoth protest against the tax collector by 300,000 small shopkeepers and artisans.

The demonstration, organised by M. Pierre Poujade, known in France as the "shopkeepers' Abbe Pierre", is scheduled to be held here on January 24.

M. Poujade had planned to hold four simultaneous meetings in four of the biggest Paris areas. Trainloads of his supporters are expected to descend on Paris from all over France. But tonight the French police ordered three of the areas to be closed to the demonstrators.

CARRY ON RALLY

M. Poujade said he would carry on with his rally in the remaining stadium, which has a maximum capacity of 150,000.

The shopkeepers claim that heavy taxation is forcing them out of business and giving the big chain stores an unfair advantage. They object particularly to surprise inspections by Treasury officials checking their accounts and stocks for tax evasion.

The January 24 rally is the latest and most ambitious effort by the "Poujadists" to draw Government attention to their claims.

M. Poujade has left his wife in charge of his business in order to devote all his energy to pressing the shopkeepers' demands. He has organised committees in every department of France although the main strength of his movement lies in the southwest. The bookseller-crusader, who fought with the Free French Air Force in Britain during the war, is a formidable debater and orator.

Tonight the General Confederation of French taxpayers warned all its members against breaking the law, saying that illegal activities were punishable by fines and even imprisonment. — France-Press.



Miss Krojgaard of Copenhagen, a nurse, has instituted her own peace prize. During the past few years she has spent more than 25,000 D/Kroner (about £1,250) in the cause of peace. Some months ago she instituted a competition for the best solution to the problem "Peace on Earth". The winner of the contest was Mr Hans Kofoed Jespersen (above) a Copenhagen artist, who suggested a Peace Bank—acknowledging that money is the greatest power on earth—and that it can prevent war. He paid his prize of 1,000 Kroner (£50) into the Peace Bank. It is estimated that if every man on earth paid £1 10s. 0d. every year—the capital would be about £3,000,000,000 the first year—after only a few years war would be prevented by controlling the greater part of important industrial stocks. Mr John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, and Sir John Boyd Orr are both said to have commended the idea. — Express Photo.

SHANNON AIR DISASTER

Captain May Have Relaxed, Says Counsel

Dublin, Jan. 18.

The counsel for the Irish Government suggested here today that the Dutch KLM airliner disaster at Shannon Airport last September might have been due to the Captain relaxing after an un-nerving take-off.

The counsel, Mr Sean MacBride, summing up at the end of the 28-day inquiry, said he thought it possible the pilot, Commander Adrian Viruly, could have been unsteady after hearing a strange noise from the engines during the take-off run.

As soon as he realised he was airborne, he might have tended to relax. When he thought he was at 250 feet, it might have happened that he relaxed more and thought all was well.

"It might be that he then proceeded to carry on as if he had reached that altitude and to take a certain number of steps in too rapid succession," the counsel added.

He said Mr Richard McGonigal, counsel for KLM, had suggested three possible causes of the accident—structural failure, instrument failure, particularly altimeters, and the failure of a signal bulb causing the pilot to order flap retraction too soon.

INQUIRY ENDS

Although the public inquiry ended today, the Chairman said that if anything important arose while it was preparing its report, the court would be ready to reconvene at any time.

The Super. Conciliation Tribunal crashed near Shannon Airport within seconds of taking-off last September, causing the loss of 28 lives. — Reuter.

United States plans for economic aid to Asia were still under way, the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, told his press conference today.

Mr Dulles added that a plan on the scale of the Marshall Plan for Europe had never been suggested. — Asia-Express Photo.

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FRENCH ARMS POOL PLAN

Supranational Elements Not To Great Britain's Liking DANGER TO FREE ENTERPRISE, SAYS WEST GERMANY

Paris, Jan. 18.

A French arms pool plan came under fire here today as British representatives shied away from the inroads the project would make into national sovereignty and German representatives protested it would endanger free enterprises.

The critical barrage against the French Premier, M. Mendes-France's plan was laid down at a conference of the seven nations which make up the projected Western European Union.

Bibs For The Bar-Bound

Melbourne, Jan. 18. Plastic bibs to protect the shirt fronts from dripping beer and larger glasses to prevent Australians from becoming a nation of "slippers" are among hotel improvements suggested by the Liquor Trades Union.

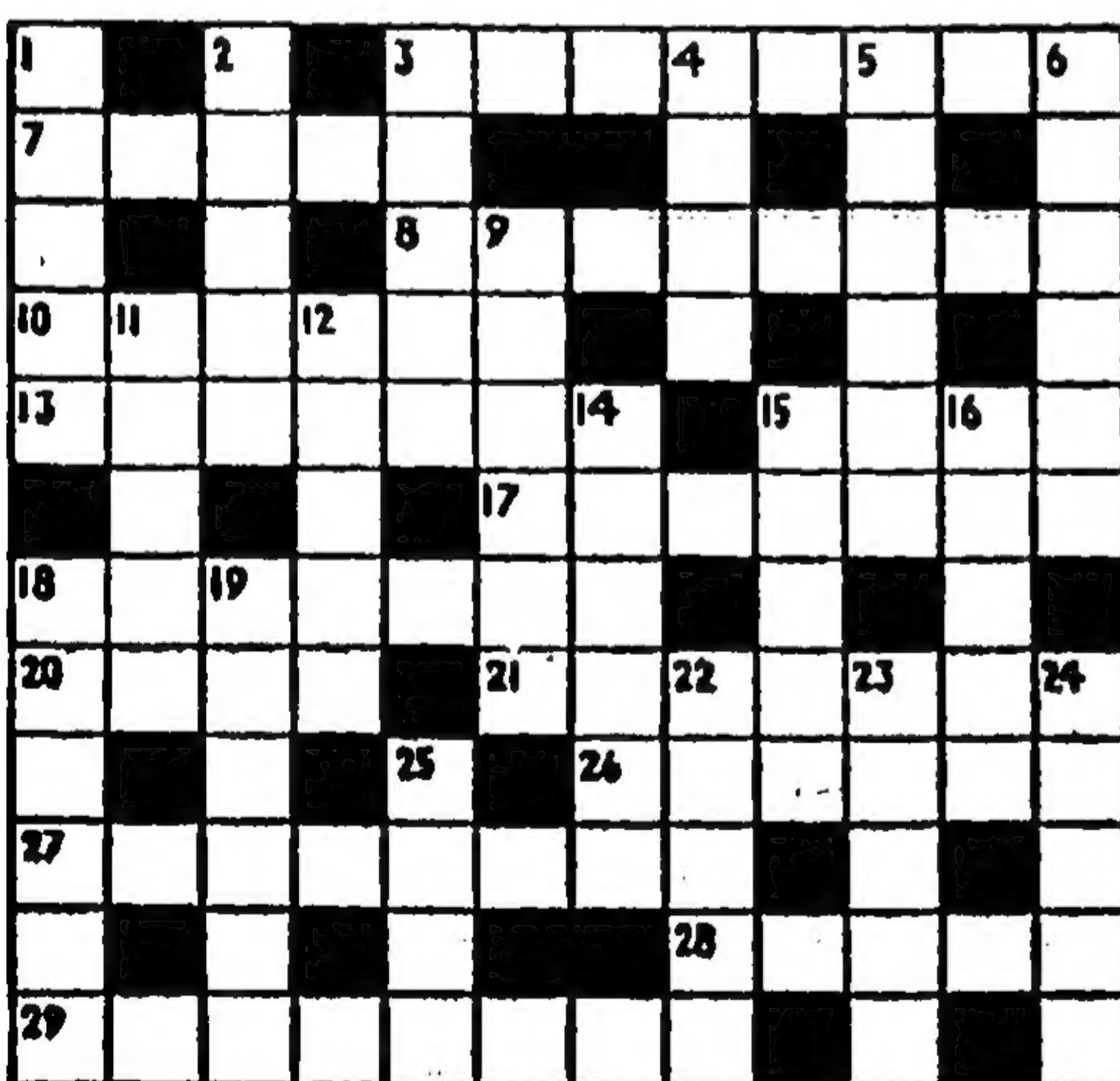
Russians To Try Interpreter

Vienna, Jan. 18. Dr. Sokolowski, chief interpreter for Vienna, will be tried by a Soviet military court, official Soviet sources said tonight.

The Russians claim that Dr. Sokolowski, a Soviet citizen who "betrayed his country and actively worked for the Nazis during the war."

He was arrested last Saturday while on official business in the Soviet sector of the city. The Russians charged that Dr. Sokolowski deserted the Soviet Army in June, 1942 and went over to the Germans. The Austrian authorities maintain that he acquired Austrian nationality in 1940 and are insisting that he be released.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Worthy of belief (8).
7 Governor (5).
8 Bits and pieces (8).
10 Speaker (6).
12 Sailor (7).
13 Artful (5).
17 Charges with carbonic acid gas (7).
18 Entrust (7).
20 Responsibility (4).
21 Slim (7).
22 Make certain of (6).
27 Swells (8).
28 Relative (5).
29 Determined (8).

DOWN
1 Stumbleman (5).
2 Disinfect (5).
3 Sing in a way (5).
4 Lady (4).
5 Robber (6).
6 Attempts (6).
9 Fears (6).
11 Artificial silk (5).
12 Quarrels (6).
13 Slaggered (6).
14 Churling (5).
15 Lifting-bar (6).
16 Bird of prey (6).
19 Tends (6).
22 Follow (5).
23 Blockhead (6).
24 Carousal (5).
25 Pare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Recess, 5 Edict, 8 Elong, 9 Gyrate, 10 Hired, 11 Sense, 12 Skin, 13 Otter, 14 Leader, 15 Average, 20 Riled, 22 Anon, 23 Eased, 25 Mercs, 26 Regalo, 27 Erase, 28 Mend, 29 Editor. Down: 1 Registrar, 2 Carnival, 3 Gals, 4 Bleep, 5 Episode, 6 Delo's, 7 Crust, 14 Transact, 15 Rejoinder, 16 Lodgers, 17 Asperses, 19 Veered, 23 Image, 24 Dead.



Magr Giovanni Battista Montini the newly appointed Archbishop of Milan and former right-hand man of Pope Pius XII entered Milan in solemn procession from the small town of Rho, near Milan. Observing ancient tradition, the new Archbishop stayed at the town of Rho so that he did not enter the City of Milan until Epiphany Day. The Archbishop was carried in State procession during his official entry into Milan. —Express Photo.

Alcoholic Milk Saves Hangover NAME YOUR FLAVOUR

London, Jan. 18.

Britain, which invented the steam engine and built the first jet plane, gave the world alcoholic milk today.

It comes in four flavours—whisky, brandy, rum and gin. Government officials announced that they have granted Mortlocks Modern Dairies a licence to milch down its milk with spiked hibiscus flower honey.

The Dairy said that the drink, called Noggo—pronounced Nawgo and expected to cure hangovers before they get started—will be on sale by the end of the week at the equivalent of US35 cents a four-ounce bottle. "I hate cows and never drank milk," explained 30-year-old Mrs. Poppy Laidlaw who runs the Dairy.

Her son, Bryan, who helps turn out Mortlocks' present

7,000 gallons of straight milk daily, said he ordered the Dairy's experts to start experiments with alcoholic flavours some time ago when the Dairy was developing other flavours.

"Think of the advantages," Bryan said.

A BOON
"It is generally accepted that a glass of milk drunk before going to bed will prevent a hangover after a night out."

"The trouble is, who remembers to drink a glass of milk after a night out? Noggo, therefore, will prove a boon to such short-sighted men," United Press.

Artificial insemination ruling in U.S. HUSBAND DENIED RIGHTS TO CHILD

Chicago, Jan. 18.

A judge who ruled that artificial insemination with a third party as donor is adultery today granted a divorce to the woman in the case and gave her custody of the "test-tube" baby.

Judge Gibson Gorman granted a divorce to Mrs. Mary Doornbos and gave her complete custody of the child he had earlier ruled was illegitimate.

Mrs. Doornbos' husband, George, 48, was denied any rights to the child, David, 8, in the divorce ruling. He cannot visit the child and does not have to contribute to his support. Mrs. Doornbos waived alimony.

Mrs. Doornbos' attorney, Mr. Charles Cooley, had asked Judge Gorman earlier to rule that artificial insemination was not against public policy or morals.

Judge Gorman ruled on December 18 that artificial insemination of a wife with a third party as donor was adultery whether the husband consented or not. He also ruled that a child born of such a practice was "not born in wedlock" and hence was illegitimate.

Mrs. Doornbos, who sued her husband for divorce on grounds of drunkenness, refused to appeal against the Judge's rare ruling.

The American Medical Association at the time said it knew of only three previous legal decisions bearing on the matter.

OTHER RULINGS

The New York State Supreme Court ruled in 1947 that a test tube baby is not illegitimate. A Canadian court intimated, but did not say specifically, in 1951 that a woman who submits to artificial insemination is guilty of adultery.

A third case, in England, in 1948, involved a different aspect of the problem and the Court held that artificial insemination did not constitute a marriage.—United Press.

STASSEN DEFENDS EMPLOYEE

Washington, Jan. 18. Foreign Aid Chief Harold Stassen said today that Wolf Ladojinsky, ousted by the Agriculture Department on security grounds, had a 19-year history of Government service "without a blemish in this record."

Mr. Stassen's praise of the former U.S. Agriculture attaché in Tokyo was contained in a 1,000-word statement defending his decision to hire Ladojinsky.

He said he had found no evidence that Ladojinsky "at any time had written or spoken favorably of Communism." He also said that the review of the controversial case turned up "no other pertinent information considered to be adverse to his security or loyalty."

"I was convinced then and am now that my decision to grant security clearance and to use Mr. Ladojinsky's services was in accordance with the President's security programme, and in keeping with the fundamental principles of justice and of human rights of our country," Mr. Stassen said.—United Press.

Colonels Commandant For 1955

London, Jan. 18. Field-Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, KG, GCB, DSO, the Deputy Supreme Commander (Europe), and General Sir Richard L. McCreery, GCB, KBE, DSO, MC, DL, another former Eighth Army Commander, will once again be the Representative Colonels Commandant for the R.T.R. and Cavalry wings of the Royal Armoured Corps for 1955.

Other distinguished soldiers to be appointed Representative Colonels Commandant for this year are:

Royal Tank Regiment: Major-General N.W. Duncan, CB, CBE, DSO, a former Director of the Royal Armoured Corps at the War Office.

Royal Regiment of Artillery: Lt-General Sir Philip M. Balfour, KBE, CB, MC, who served in both World Wars and has been G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command.

Corps of Royal Engineers: General Sir Kenneth N. Crawford, KCB, MC, who has been Director, Air (including Airborne Forces) at the War Office, G.O.C. Land Forces, Greece, and Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff. He was President of the Army Rugby Union from 1948 to 1952.

Royal Corps of Signals: Major-General C.H.H. Vulliamy, CB, DSO, who was Signal Officer in Chief, Middle East and at Supreme H.Q., Northwest Europe during World War II and Director of Signals at the War Office after hostilities.



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He is now a director of Slandar Telephones and Cables, and Creck & Co.

Royal Army Service Corps: Major-General H. G. Goodfellow, CB, CBE, AMI, Mech. E, who served in Italy and Northwest Europe in World War II and is a former Director of Supplies and Transport at the War Office.

Royal Army Medical Corps: Major-General R.D. Cameron, CB, CBE, MC, MB, who served in Egypt, Greece, Turkey, China, India and Northwest Europe, and was D.M.S., B.A.O.R., Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers: Major-General Sir E. Bartram Rowcroft, KBE, CB, M.I. Mech. E, M.I.E.E., who retired in 1947 after being Director of Mechanical Engineering at the War Office for four years. He is now a director of the Civil Service Supply Association Ltd.

Royal Army Dental Corps: Major-General A.B. Austin, CB, FDS, RCS, who retired in 1948 after 33 years' service, the last six as Director of the Army Dental Services at the War Office.

Nazi Officers Released By Russians

Berlin, Jan. 18. The Soviet Union has released and repatriated two top-ranking former Nazi officers, Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner and Vice-Marshal Voss.

Schoerner commanded German troops in Finland and was commander in the central sector of the Eastern Front at the end of hostilities. Now 62, he was then the youngest German field marshal. He was captured by the Americans in Czechoslovakia and handed to the Russians in 1945.

The East German news agency ADN said the officers had been freed during the Christmas holiday last month. The agency published a letter dated January 17, in which Schoerner and Voss thanked the Soviet Government for their release and for the treatment they received during captivity.

German newspapers and periodicals from time to time had published articles implying that Schoerner had been executed in Russia as a war criminal.—France-Press.

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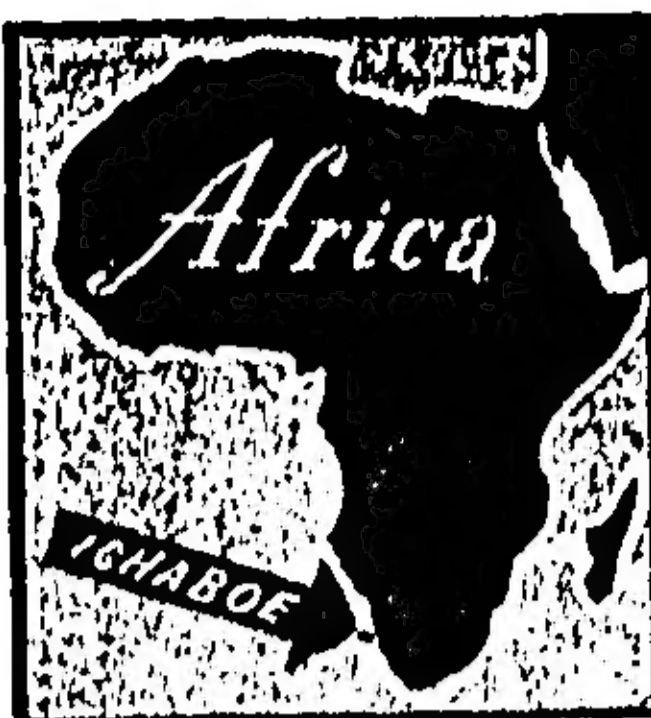
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FOUR HUNDRED MEN DIED ON ICHABOE —
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THE ISLAND OF MUMMIES

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the world's strangest stories

ICHABOE ISLAND is never visited by disease or common illness. Of the 400 men buried on the island not one died a natural death; all were either murdered or killed accidentally. All are natural mummies, their bodies perfectly preserved.

The history of Ichaboe Island has run scarlet with the blood of men from the day when it was discovered 120 years ago by a Boston sealing schooner and even as recently as 1952 men fought to the death as they hunted for pirates' treasure.

The Betty Williams, under Captain Hiram K. Williams, a Yankee sealer, was nosing around the West African coast in search of seals when Williams spotted Ichaboe, white with guano, at that time its valuable as gold for fertilisation purposes.

In the process of making a landing on the island three of the Betty Williams' sailors were drowned and buried on the island.

Williams estimated that the guano deposit was 25ft deep on the island (it later proved to be 70ft deep), and on his return to America, reported his discovery. Word of it reached Liverpool, England, where Andrew Livingstone, a trader, at once formed a company to fetch the guano Williams had discovered.

Treasure Chest

Within one year more than 300 ships were anchored off the island, ships from Europe, America and Southern Africa. Their men were busy digging guano. In the course of the year that followed discovery of the guano island 135 men were either drowned, killed accidentally or murdered and buried on the island.

It was about this time that an American seaman, Tomlinson, stumbled on to an old chest under nine feet of guano containing Spanish doubloons and jewels. Word leaked out about

the find and one of the bloodiest episodes in world history ensued as men fought with cutlasses and knife, club and old pistols for supremacy on the island in a wild, disorderly search for the remainder of the pirate treasure.

In the space of four weeks 85 men were clubbed or stabbed to death. Hoies were dug and the bodies irreverently placed in them and covered with guano.

A German captain, Hans Moller, who had brought his wife along with him on an expedition to the island, was foolish enough to allow the woman to accompany him and six of his crew on shore.

The woman discovered a small cache of diamonds and was returning to the ship with her husband in a small rowing-boat when it was swamped by an Atlantic roller. Everyone in the boat was drowned and the woman and the seven men were buried in a communal grave on the island.

Blood Bath

The blood bath of Ichaboe Island reached such fantastic proportions by 1860 that Queen Victoria ordered Captain Oliver J. Jones, commander of H.M.S. Furious to annex the island and restore some form of order.

Jones landed on the island on June 21, 1861, and annexed it on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty, hoisting the Union Flag on a pole planted in the guano. The old pole and the notice affixed to it by Jones were still to be seen on the island two years ago.

When the Furious arrived at the Ichaboe mausoleum 352 men were buried there and one woman.

It was shortly afterwards that one of the sea's most amazing characters, an American seaman named Barnabas Q. Wilson, of New Bedford, master of a small sailing vessel, arrived at Ichaboe.

Wilson had the distinction of being known as the "Yankee Second-hand Dealer of the Seven Seas," but he had no interest in guano or diamonds.

He was hunting for pirate treasure, but when he discovered the grave of three seamen who had been drowned 30 years before an idea occurred to him.

The corpses were perfectly preserved and looked exactly as they had on the day when they were interred. The usual mummification associated with Egyptian mummies was absent although the skins of the bodies had been parchment-dried.

Wilson immediately went to the man who had been left by Captain Jones as officer-in-charge of the island and, for a few bottles of rum, bought half-a-dozen of the natural mummies.

The sailor, Curtis, who sold the bodies to Wilson dug up about 100 graves in order to find seamen who had drowned and who were therefore unmarked.

Grisly Cargo

With the grisly cargo on board Wilson set sail for North Africa and France, where he sold the mummies to museums as "genuine Egyptian mummies" taken from tombs in the African desert.

In Alexandria he sold one for just over £1,000, and for many years the museum in Marseilles had two "genuine Egyptian mummies," and the museum in Naples had one. In London Wilson sold one for about £700 to a dealer who in turn sold the mummy to the French Government for several thousand pounds.

The remainder of the mummies were disposed of in American ports at fantastic prices, especially as Wilson had bought up oddments of old jars and claywork with hieroglyphics on them in Egypt and produced these as having been found in centuries-old tombs with the mummies.

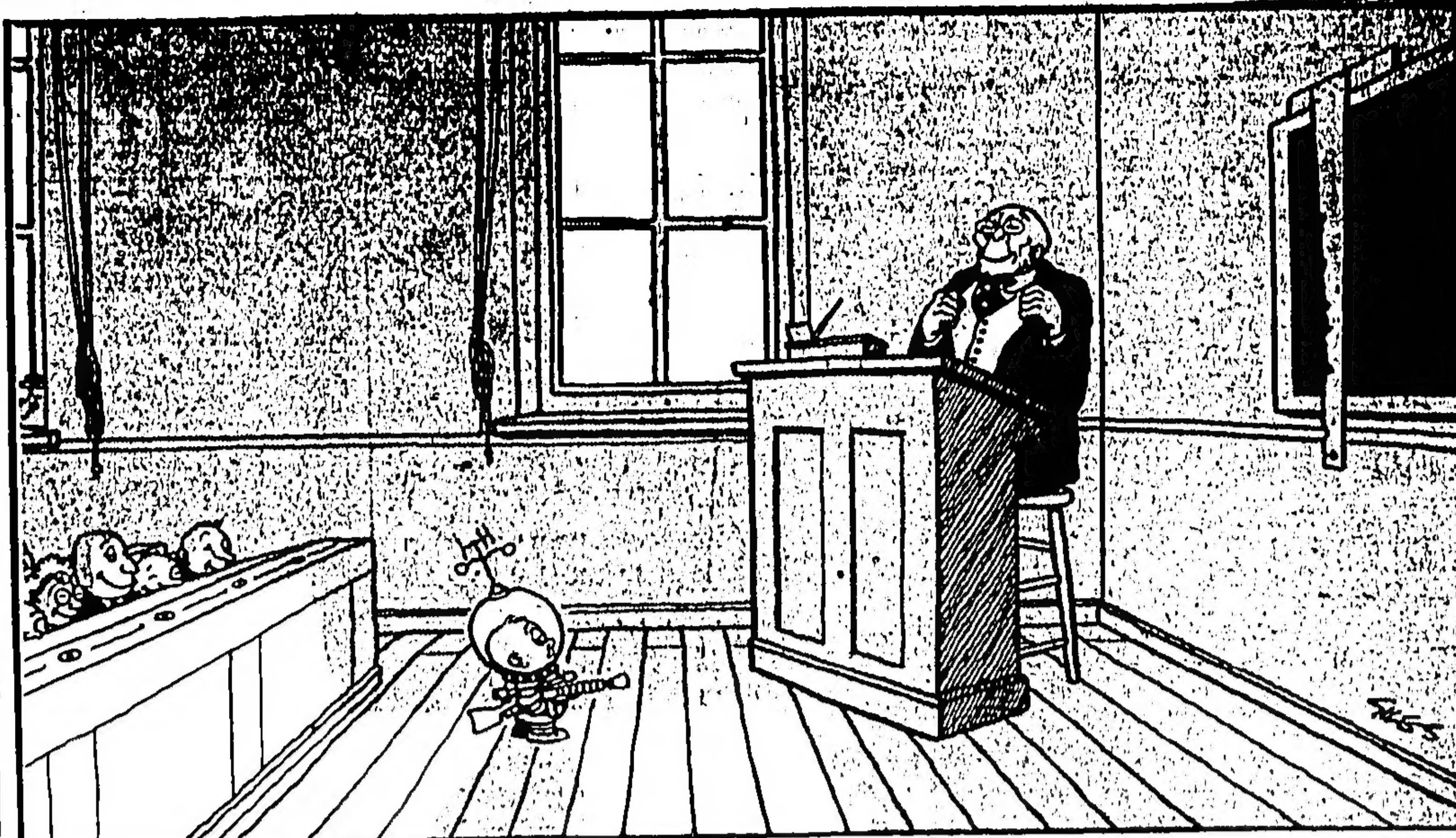
Ichaboe is an island where no one dies naturally. The guano, with its ammonia content, is without doubt the world's most salubrious place—if one can withstand the overpowering smell of ammonia. It is also an island of wealth, for as recently as last year a

Cape coloured man discovered an old leather bag containing diamonds worth about £2,000 on the shoreline, hidden under seaweed. Another found a small box containing gold coins.

Today the island is governed by the Union Government or South Africa as a guano station. It is within the sparsely-settled (forbidden) area of Southwest Africa because of its diamondiferous area.

Men do not like to work there, although one, known as "Mister Milo," actually lived on the island for over 20 years as a headman. When the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919 raged through the world, not a single

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"And now, if Smith will be good enough to tell us on which of the planets he spent his Christmas holidays..."

(London Express Service.)

CRY... this land of SHADOW

K LOOF is the name of the place where Alan Paton lives... about half an hour's fast drive from Durban through lovely hilly country with the Indian Ocean a blue blur off to one side.

Alan Paton, the man who wrote the controversial best-seller "Cry The Beloved Country," which I suppose scores of thousands of you have read and seen the film of. The story of the coloured Kumalo family fighting circumstance and the 20th century in the shanty towns of Johannesburg.

Paton proves to be a short man, weak eyes behind gold-rimmed spectacles. A compact face, pink from the sun, and lined. Grey hair brushed back. Wearing a pink blouse, grey slacks, and a fawn sweater knotted across his shoulders. Hands very square and capable-looking.

An artisan's hands, could be, but this one is a type-writer artisan. Takes a lot of trouble over every question.

California-style house and lovely garden, Hibiscus Bougainvillea. All those

Durban, flaming sorts of flowers — and also a few irises to kid you that you might be back in England.

There is a great big silly barking dog that gets affectionate contumely.

Paton leads the way to his workroom, a "rondavel" (round-house) cut off from the living quarters. A cool, white-washed place with a blue-painted door, conical thatched roof, about 20ft. in diameter.

HIS OUTLOOK

PERFECT for writing, I'd say, but Paton stares somewhat moodily down at a pile of just-finished typescript (50,000 words on "South Africa" — the land and its people, — to be distributed among United States schoolchildren) and announces that the only way he can really get effective work from himself is to write away from home.

"Cry The Beloved Country," it appears, was "started in Norway and finished in San Francisco." And he adds: "How I envy Ernest Hemingway — he lives in Cuba, permanently away from home."

Paton is vice-chairman of the Liberal Party of South Africa (it has at present two Senators and two members of the Lower House of South Africa's Parliament), one of the opposition parties to Strydom's Nationalist Government.

He kicks off arrestingly about his South Africa, the land and its people: "Unfortunately there is no country of South Africa," he tells me. "There is no common factor. The words 'South Africa' don't mean the same thing to any two of us."

He broods, then: "Look here, there are only two alternatives for us, either some kind of complete race domination, whether white or black, or else a common society for all of us. What else can we do?"

More brooding. "We must try to get common privileges for all of us, whatever the race, and if in the end it turns out that there happen to be more black people than white enjoying those privileges it can't be helped."

Another pause. "This country won't face the facts—won't face the challenge of a common



← RENE MacCOLL meets Alan Paton →

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society. The only consequence of racial domination is, sooner or later, revolution.

"The task of the Government is simply to see that justice is done—and leave the rest to the people."

A long pause. "We must be absolutely honest. We must realise that a common society could lead eventually to a black domination here—but that is a

calculated risk we must take. The important question is really not what sort of country we shall be living in in 50 years' time but what sort of a world.

"And if it is a world that overwhelmingly hates and rejects race domination, then there will be little to fear here."

I tell Paton that at the brand-new Orange Free State gold-mining town the other day I had seen white doctors and nursing sisters ministering to sick Negroes, and how did that square with the Malan-Strydom Apartheid race policy?

He replied: "Apartheid is impossible. Our Nationalist legislators will be famous in history—just the way that King Canute is famous."

"Doctors and nurses I envy, because they can transcend the colour bar without offending society, can serve humanity whatever its race, without a twinge."

HIS FAREWELL

AT this point Mrs Paton puts her head into the rondavel and says how about tea, tea being a highly important matter in the mid-morning scene hereabouts.

So off we troop to a sit-down snack of tea and brown bread and butter, and Christmas cake.

Then we pile into the car and Paton drives me in tearaway style to the Valley of the Thousand Hills, a seasonally beautiful arrangement of dishing, undulating earth. But across even this lovely scene lies the thick shadow of Apartheid.

Back through the sunshine we change, past all the well-appointed, lushly be-gardened new houses, where land now costs £600 an acre compared with £240 in the 1930's.

Here's Kloof again, and it is time for me to go back to Durban. Paton leans into the window of my taxi to bid me farewell and almost winks. "You know," he vouchsafes, "politics is really not my job. I'm a writer."

Maybe—but a writer who seems to talk a lot of sense.

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"I LOVE Lollo" scribbled all over the walls of our workroom in-
dicated that ALBERT THE ROBOT COLUMNIST, was in no mood to help me.

He had been staring for hours at the newspaper photographs of the Italian film actress Gina Lollobrigida and was just about to draw her portrait over the book-shelves when he was stopped.

Put that crayon down, Albert. Can't I draw a picture without a fuss?

No, Albert. I was only going to draw Lollo's face.

I said put that crayon down, Albert.

All right. No picture, no work.

You're in a bad mood today, Albert. Are you suffering from metal fatigue?

No. Then what's the matter?

I love Lollo. You have been in love with Marilyn Monroe, Miss World, 15 other entrants for the Miss World beauty competition, and most of the fashion models in the glossy magazines. Now it's Gina Lollobrigida. I suppose you are aware that she's happily married?

People get divorced. They don't get divorced for robots with tin legs and a riveted chest and a brain full of valves and batteries. Let's read the papers and see if we can

make some comment on the news. I don't want to read the papers. If I can't draw Lollo can I write a poem about her?

If you must, Lollo, Lollo, lovely Lollo. Though my heart is tin and hollow. Though I'm just a metal follow.

I have feelings, lovely Lollo. And each night upon my pillow. Careful, Albert. I cry Lollo, Lollo, Lollo.

Lollo, Lollo, you're my dream girl. You're my strawberry and cream girl.

You're the ice cubes in my hock pail. You're the cherry in my cocktail.

You're the custard on my jam pie. You're the bottled egg in my ham pie.

You're a sonnet, you're a ballad. You're the dressing on my salad.

You're the ice-cream in my sundae. You're my shepherd's pie on Monday.

Lollo, Lollo, I'm your slavey. You're my Yorkshire pud and gravy.

Albert, when you have finished eating Gina Lollobrigida perhaps we could get on with something else.

Lollo, Lollo, lovely Lollo. Though my heart is tin and hollow.

I could sit for hours and watch you.

Hotcha, hotcha, hotcha, hotcha. Albert? hotcha, hotcha, hotcha.

Hotcha, hotcha, hotcha, hotcha.

Animals And The Stars

AS readers of the Animals' Newspaper, edited by N. Gubbins, Esq., have asked for a feature "What the Stars Foretell for Animals," here is some advice for beasts and birds born under the 12 signs of the Zodiac.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).—Get out of your rut and do something different. If you are a cow kick the bucket over. You will feel better afterwards.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).—A pleasant day providing you don't poke your nose into other animals' business. This applies particularly to little dogs exchanging the courtesies with Alsatians.

Aries (March 21-April 20).—A pleasant surprise in store. If you are a bear more buns than usual will be thrown at you today; if a sparrow a shower of crumbs from an unexpected quarter. Fortunate dogs will find bones buried by other dogs.

Taurus (April 21-May 21).—Observe the conventions and don't offend those well disposed towards you. Parrots should be especially careful of language used in front of strangers.

Gemini (May 22-June 21).—Minor difficulties will crop up.

but nothing that your quicksilver mind cannot cope with. Cats who wait their opportunity will find the larder door left open at last and the Sunday joint available.

Cancer (June 22-July 23).—A bad day for bears born under this sign. Most of the buns will be thrown at other bears, though you may get a stale one towards evening.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23).—Keep cool, calm and collected. Although the morning will be a bit nerve-racking, lions hunted in the jungle will be missed by yards and will have a pleasant afternoon on a full stomach.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23).—A cheerful, exciting day for all animals. The evening very favourable for a get-together with friends, particularly cats.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23).—The boss is moody, the family temperamental. No need to upset yourself if others find fault. This applies mainly to dogs.

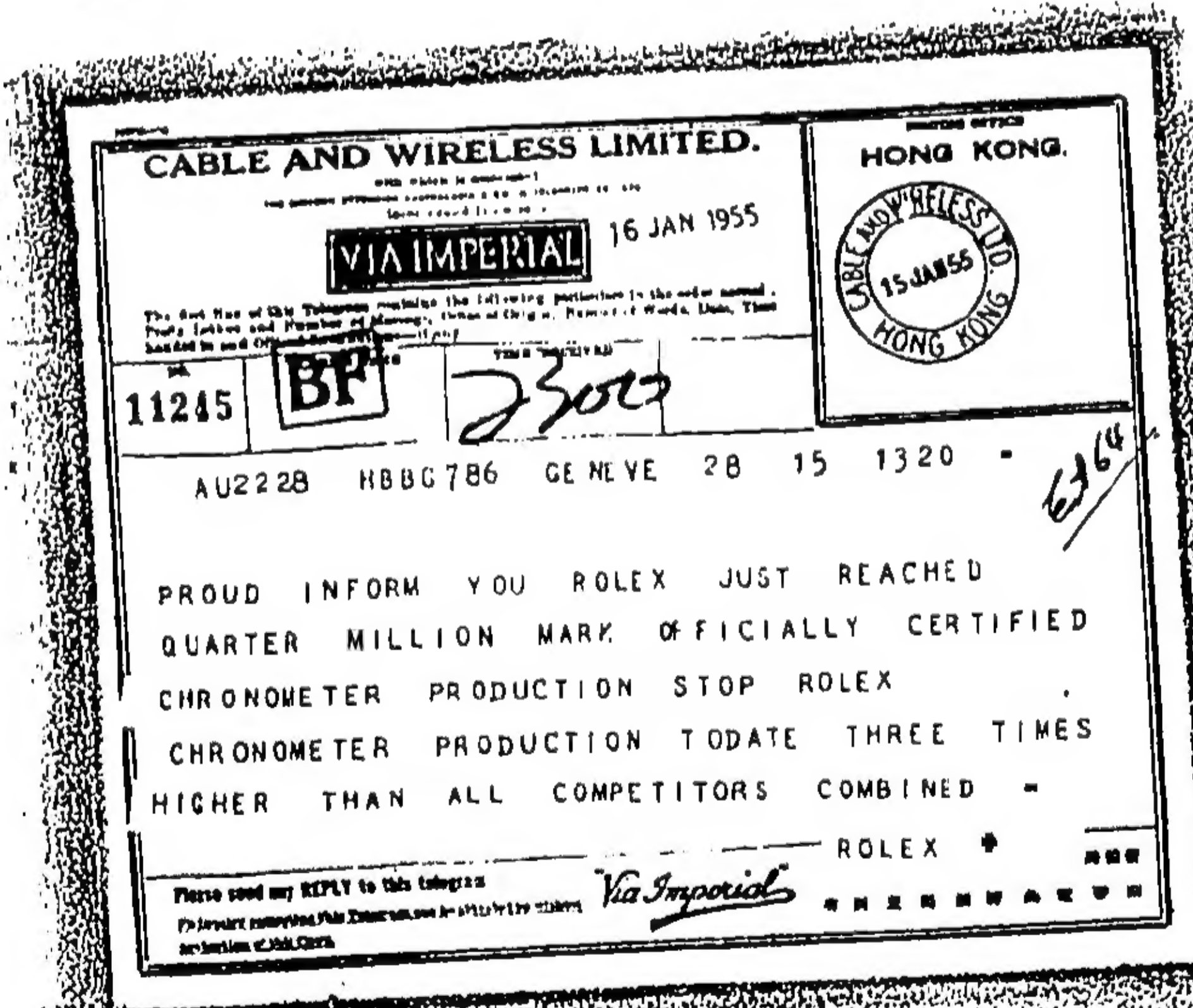
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 23).—You may be the target of unfair criticism. If water has been spilled on the scullery floor both cats and dogs are advised to spend the day away from home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 24-Dec. 23).—Could be an amusing day for elephants. You may see somebody you have disliked for years and have fun in your own special way.

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 20).—Horses born under this sign should handle people firmly, particularly so-called friends. A wonderful day for throwing bones who say they are so fond of horses.

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TYPHOON TYSON

AN IMMORTAL AFTER ONLY ONE SEASON OF FIRST CLASS CRICKET

A quick check on England's cricket followers just now should reveal a high proportion of red faces. That is if armchair and other critics remember what they said six months ago. England's team to tour Australia had just been chosen.

Most names met with an approving nod. But at one name there was no such reaction. "He won't stand the strain on those Aussie wickets," was the general comment. The name was Frank Tyson.

In fact, it is the Aussies who are not standing the strain. In the Third Test at Melbourne the batting cracked up before Tyson, the 24-year-old, after one full season of first-class cricket, has become an immortal with those seven wickets for 27 runs.

Tyson has had to put up with a lot of "I don't think he'll make it" talk. For years England has searched for someone to send down really fast bowlers of only limited potential have been sent down as future world-beaters. But for two seasons Tyson was ignored.

He has been fast-bowling's Cinderella. The slipper had to fit perfectly before any would believe he was the "Prince of the ball".

ODD MAN OUT

Just as Tyson has been called an odd man out, the hopefulness of his future with a difference. When he was a boy, he was called "the odd man out" because he was the only one in the family who was not a cricketer. They are supposed to be on the batsmen.

Not Tyson. He prefers to work and while batting in the Second Test he was hit on the head by Ray Lindwall. Came Ray's turn to face Frank's bowling. The crowds waited for fireworks.

They were disappointed. No fireworks. Frank bowled Lindwall with his second delivery—a Yorker. "Why no bouncer?" he was asked afterwards. "I was after his wicket, that was far more important," was his reply.

And so it was to the team. Tyson's first season in the first-class performance he retired to a quiet corner of the dressing room. Sober, cut, and showered with congratulations, he insisted that victory came through team work. It wasn't false modesty.

It is natural that Tyson should be the thoughtful type. Last year he was at Durham University. In the first year of his cricket and studies, cricket won. He led the University side to win the Championship, but failed his exams. After a few years' rest, Frank will go back to University to wrestle with English Literature and History.

LIVES CRICKET

At the moment, however, he is a cricketer. New Year's Eve, 1953, saw him celebrating in a dinner-party. But in midwinter and in the excitement of welcoming back Frank talked cricket. And more than talked...

"Look," he said to his friend John Besson. And he whistled an imaginary ball down the cricket pitch with the same action that skittled the Aussies at Melbourne. "You see," said Frank, "My body doesn't carry straight through. I slip to the left a bit. I'm bowling at the slips."

"I feel comfortable but 'hey' I'll never be really fast if I do that."

Now the friend, Mr. Besson, is a physiotherapist. Muscles are his line.

"Don't worry," he replied. "The ligaments in your back are naturally loose. That's why your body turns so freely."

The reason why Tyson has loose back ligaments is that as a youngster he strained his back playing too much cricket. So he got instruction for 100 different back exercises and practised at least 10 every night. Last winter he went on a tree-felling course.

And every day at home he gets out his Indian clubs and

does exercises with them," says his 62-year-old mother. "He was always crazy about fitness."

Cricket-crazy, fitness-crazy Frank doesn't come from a sporting family. But he has always wanted to be a fast bowler.

As an eight-year-old playing on a bit of waste ground near his home in Middleton, Lancashire, he could bowl at a slab of stone or pile of tin cans, which served as wickets, faster than any of his pals.

When he was eleven Tyson joined the Middleton Club, which played in the Central Lancashire League. There he had his first real coaching. Professional Alf Casteley showed him how to hold the ball, keeping the seam upright.

Tyson graduated to the first team. In one match, against Rochdale, he bowled Cecil Pepper, the hard-hitting Australian all-rounder, with his first ball.

TOOK NOTICE

The cricket world, and his native county of Lancashire in particular, began to take notice of this tall, slim lad with the lengthy hair.

Came a trial at Old Trafford. County coach Harry Alkington said afterwards he could make Frank into an England bowler.

Frank's father, however, had other ideas. His son was going in for something more certain than professional cricket. That might have been that.

But after Army service Tyson took a Saturday post as professional with Knyslop in North Staffordshire League. It was worth five pounds a week. A modest wage compared to most professionals' earnings. Yet Frank wanted to give full value for money. He put everything into his bowling and into fielding and batting.

After a trial with Northamptonshire he was offered a two-year contract when he had taken his final exams.

This time Frank had to make the decision on his own. His father had died in 1949. It wasn't an easy choice to make. He was now far more certain of his cricket than when the Lancashire offer was made. If he passed his exams there would be no need to leave home. He would have another profession at hand. If he failed? He could always go back to studying afterwards.

But no half measures. He would give cricket everything. He has. Ask Australia.

(London Express Service).



Frank "Typhoon" Tyson in action. — Express Photo.

Fox-hunting In Ireland Has Now Become An International Affair

By GERARD BOURKE

If you're looking for changes in Old Ireland, go to the Wilds of the West. And then go on to the hunting field.

Shannon Airport now brings a large number of American visitors for hunting holidays with the Co. Limerick Foxhounds. And many country estates that were the homes of well-known Irish families before the war have been bought, or leased, by retired British officers.

The rush to well-fed Ireland was fast during the immediate postwar years, despite a tax imposed by the Irish Government on cross-channel buyers of Irish property. Still the rural characters live on, straight from the pages of Somerville and Ross. The ass-and-cart drivers meander along the narrow, winding roads, a hazard to the fast double horse-boxes.

The 25 fee is not large from the owner's point of view, since he runs the risk of losing a horse that may cost £200 or more. Some hunters are insured against being killed but accidents are frequent, and the charge to insure against temporary injuries is prohibitive. The risk to the riders is also big, particularly in wet weather when the banks may crumble, and since the war there have been some fatal accidents.

NEW BLOOD

New blood has recently been introduced into the hounds of the Co. Limerick pack by flying over different stock from well-known English hunts. Prices are offered each season to follow the hunt who return the pups they have "walked" in the best condition.

The "Black and Tan" hounds, bearing these colours, are particularly good on the scent; the country through which they hunt is some of the finest in Ireland. Some Grand National winners have come from the district, and runs of six or seven miles are not unusual, often coming at the end of a hard day's hunting.

Among the visitors in recent seasons have been Britain's star rider, Colonel Llewellyn, owner of Foxhunter, and the British team rider, Major Hanson, who died this year, aged only 29, shortly after marrying Miss Grace from Dublin.

Lord Daresbury is the present master of the Co. Limerick Hounds with which, before the war, the well-known author, Dorothea Conyers, often rode. Many of her novels inspired scenes from this part of Ireland.

A colourful character, she played tennis in slacks, and sometimes smoked a pipe, after giving up hunting on account of her age.

The Earl of Harrington and his wife, a Limerick girl, are also followers of both packs, along with Sir Thomas Kingsworth, and Lady Ursula Vernon, daughter of the late Duke of Westminster.

Traditional pink coats are worn by some of the men. A few of the women still ride side-saddle and veiled. On a good day the field will include 60 or 70 riders. In the spring, horses that have come through the season unscathed are entered in Hunter Trials often held

at Killybegs, the home of Colonel The O'Grady.

This year the cub-hunting was delayed on account of the late harvesting, but now the season is providing excellent sport.

AMERICAN SEASON

The main American contingent arrives early in the New Year, their own season having ended. In some cases they have formed hunting parties, leasing a house for the winter. Their negro servants have caused friendly surprise among the villagers, since negroes are rarely seen in the west of Ireland.

The season ends around St. Patrick's Day, March 17, yielding to the excitement derived from the point-to-point meetings. Farmers race against each other on horses of diverse parentage and ability, watched from a hill-top by everyone even vaguely interested in the horses—and hopeful bookies.

In these races, often run in a dangerous inappetent, insurance rates are high indeed, scarcely a meeting passes without at least one horse being killed.

Around Christmas, Hunt Balls are held to raise more funds, often in Dublin, but preferably in historic country mansions. But while the followers are more international than before the war, the parties seem fewer and less gay; none was held to celebrate the centenary of John Pett's death, or, indeed, for the Oscar Wilde centenary.

But could huntmen commemorate a poet who called them "the unspeakable in pursuit of the unspeakable"? (London Express Service).

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY
Racing
Second Day of Annual Race Meeting.
C.C.O.D. Annual Meet at B.S. 230 p.m.

TOMORROW
Golf
Mitchell Plate Final; Ladies' Four-somes (R.H.K.C.) First Round.
Motor Sports
Social Evening of M.S.C. B.A.T. Meet from 7.45 p.m.

FRIDAY
Meeting
HKFA Interclub Sub-Cities Meeting at HKFA Sports Road, 8.30 p.m.

Malayan-Singapore Rugger Team Coming Here

By "PAK LO"

This evening the various Pentangular selectors will congregate to pick a Colony XV and a Combined Services XV. The reason for these two selections is that very shortly the Colony will receive a visit from a Combined Malayan-Singapore XV.

At present the members who make up this team are unknown, but it is hoped that before their appearance here, in person, a pen portrait of each member will appear in print.

This team is not the Fijian XV, who will, if they are successful again in the Malayan-Singapore Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition, appear later in the season, but it is more than possible that some of the Fiji Regt. will be included.

During their stay here the Combined Malayan-Singapore XV will play two games. The first will be against a Colony XV on Thursday, February 4, and the second, against a Combined Services team, will be on Friday, February 5.

Both games will be played under floodlights and will therefore be held on the Club ground, at Happy Valley, starting in both cases at 8.00 p.m.

On Saturday, February 6, the visitors will be entertained in the evening at a cocktail party at the HKFC clubhouse. It has been requested that mention be made that all those interested in the party contact Ian Knowles, the Club Rugger Secretary (Tel. 30221) before January 29.

The selectors this evening are to pick two teams, and to give you something to argue about here is my own selection which I think will fill the bill.

The packs have been chosen to produce weight, speed, line-out ability, a place kicker, and a good hooker.

NOT AN EASY JOB
Not an easy job with so many fine players available, and having tried it, I am not at all sure that the selectors' choice will be printed, and you can compare them with mine or your own if you feel you can improve on it (and you probably will).

It will be noted that the Army and the RAF provide the greater number of the players, but this is to be expected if consideration is given to their success in the Pentangular.

My selections:
Bye selections: Logan (RAF), Edwards (Army), Hewitt (RN), Marsh (Pol), Ingall (Army), Brentford (Army), Parkinson (Army), Miller (RAF), Sweeney (RAF), Annandale (RN), Lamb (RAF), Todd (Pol), Penman (Club), Tolam (Club), Petrie (Club).

Men's Second Division
RAF "A" v RN "A" on Kait Tak at 2.30 (Umpire: F. S. Coxon, Sgt. Darrell).

Record: "B" v Dutch H.C. on Record at 3.30 (Umpire: WOII Richardson, Mickey Rann).

Men's Second Division
RAF "B" v RN "B" on Kait Tak at 2.30 (Umpire: Sgt. Trafford, Sgt. Allen).

Nav. Bharat "A" v H.K.H.C. on Sookunpo at 11 (Umpire: Major Walker, C. T. Palmer).

Record: "A" v RN "A" on King's Park at 11 (Umpire: Major Boycott, H. Rozal).

Police v Army "C" on Police Gd. at 3.30 (Umpire: Lt. Herbert, Sgt. English).

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INTER-UNIT
And here is the latest on the Land Forces Inter-Unit Knockout Competition, Third Round:
72nd LAA beat 27th Field Regt. 17-5.
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This gives the semi-finalists as:
27th Lt. Bty. (Far East Farm) v RASC or 1st King's Own.
72nd LAA v 42nd Field Regt.

The final will be played on February 9 at Sookunpo, of which more anon.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

Hockey fixtures for the coming week-end have been drastically curtailed partly because of the Interport against Macao in Macao on Monday, and partly on account of the Chinese New Year Holiday early next week.

The Ladies' Division fixtures for Saturday have been completely washed out, and there will be only two first Division matches on Sunday.

In the Second Division, however, a full programme has been arranged.

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the League:

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Men's First Division
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Men's Second Division
RAF "B" v RN "B" on Kait Tak at 2.30 (Umpire: Sgt. Trafford, Sgt. Allen).

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Australian Selectors Accused Of Being "Batsman Happy"

Melbourne, Jan. 18. There has been some criticism here regarding the Australian team for the Fourth Test starting at Adelaide on January 28.

But J. P. Millard, writing in the Melbourne Herald, says that whatever team was chosen, there would have been "chinks".

"The batting line up still does not inspire confidence," he said, "but the selectors can hardly be blamed. They had to take a lucky (or unlucky) dip from batmen skittled in the last two Tests and in the recent Sheffield Shield game at Sydney. The sad truth is that since Lindsay Hassett's retirement, Australia has no really dependable Test batsman."

Millard said that Colin Macdonald as a Test opener looked a gamble, but so would the retention of Arthur Morris. Jim Burke, he said, was the type to infuse some stability into the batting.

Graeme Hole had proved too brittle and had to go, commented Millard. "The choice of Len Magdicks over Gil Langley might shock the cricket purists who went for the fast keeper regardless of batting, but in some ways it is a realistic move," he said.

UNLUCKY
"Langley is unlucky. But for an eye injury forcing him out of the Third Test, and in Australia's present desperate batting mood, he would no doubt still be the Test keeper."

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to brush up their batting for the Test."

Millard said Ian Johnson was deservedly captain again. Australia's bowling, he said, was balanced and strong.

Returning to the dropping of Morris, he said: "The sad truth is that since his 33rd birthday may mean the end of his distinguished Test career. This is the first time he has been dropped from a Test on form since his debut in 1946."

In Adelaide (Langley's home town), two former international players commented on the Test opener's omission. C. E. Fellow said: "It's a shocking thing. I've seen Morris in action and he is a real blinder."

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IAN JOHNSON TO LEAD

Melbourne, Jan. 18. Announcing officially today that Ian Johnson would captain Australia in the Fourth Test against England, the Australian selectors named Keith Miller as Vice Captain.—Reuter.

Billiards, Snooker Tournaments At Cheero Club

Individual Billiards and Snooker Tournaments will shortly be played at the Cheero Club, under the direction of Staff Sergeant Darby. All Servicemen wishing to compete are requested to meet at the Club at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, January 21.

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C.C.O.D. Annual Meet at B.S. 230 p.m.

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Mitchell Plate Final; Ladies' Four-somes (R.H.K.C.) First Round.
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KNOWLEDGE OF TACTICS COUNTS A GOOD DEAL IN MASSED START RACING

By "NTACA"

In cycling, as in most sports, the race is not always to the swift, and many a Time Trial "Crack" has had the mortifying experience of finding himself left hopelessly behind and taking a back seat to riders not in his class when the question of bunched racing is on the agenda.

The factor which tips the scale in favour of the Massed Start Man is his knowledge of Tactics and his ability to apply that knowledge. It is a difficult task to teach such a subject but any rider can improve his chances of placing in bunched events if he memorises and puts into effect the following pointers.

DICTATE THE PACE OF THE RACE TO SUIT YOURSELF. Every rider has his best speed, the speed which he can maintain with comfort over a long period. You should endeavour to control the pace of the race so that it approximates YOUR best speed.

This is where Team work comes into play, with teams working together to slow or speed up the field, allowing their own members to maintain or remake contact, or prevent "dropped-off" riders from other teams from rejoining.

Remember that a rider with a big gear cannot jump so easily when the field is setting a slow pace, and that one with a small gear finds difficulty in keeping with the bunch on long downhill sweeps.

MAKE SURE YOU GET THE EASY RIDE. YOUR OPPONENTS' "THE HARD ONE." When riding in a bunch, look out for the easy patches of road and use them yourself. Ease them out to the exposed side of the group, so they give you shelter from the wind, at the same time ensuring they get none from you. Do everything in the Rules to get them unsettled, stop them thinking what they should do, keep them on the hop. Use a fairly low gear so that you can jump, either to attack or to defend.

ATTACK YOUR OPPONENTS' WEAK SPOTS. Are your rivals weak on hills, slow to get up a steep descent, not at home on rough surfaces? Have they a "weak side" among their team? Do they panic when an attack is launched against them? All these points, these weaknesses, are your keys to victory. Attack the WEAK spots. Break up the Team, then deal with the individuals.

ATTACK, ATTACK, ATTACK. Every lapse on the part of an opponent should be the signal for attack. A missed gear-change, a momentary lapse of concentration, the unconscious relaxation which follows an attack, all these are opportunities to attack and unseat the others in the race. Let "Attack" be your watchword, and see the decisions roll in so many of our Massed Start Races resemble nothing so much as "Ye Old English Clubb" (Bicycle) with everyone sitting tight in the group, waiting for the final sprint. This might be a fair plan if you have a Team of sprinters. Pretty silly otherwise.

I emphasise attack, but let it be intelligent attack. Choose your moment, when your opponent is least expecting it. Watch your rivals carefully, paying special attention to the sprinter sitting in at the back of the bunch.

One last word. Never, never, as I have seen do so often out here, take the field up to one of your own men. Let them take You, if they can. Then when they get you there, attack them again before they get themselves settled.

EASIER TO LOOK AT

Persons in every walk of life are judged to a large extent on the manner in which they dress, and cyclists are no exception.

Non-cyclists watching a race are not at all impressed when they see riders attired in a variegated collection of garments, ranging from sleeveless vests and football knickerbockers—length of course, to ultra-brief shorts and violently-hued shirts, sleeves flapping wildly in the breeze.

Island Of Mummies

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man on the island as much as had a cold. Recently a 70-year-old professor asked for permission to go and live on the island—as he wished to live to be 100. A consumptive with a life limit of less than a year implored the Government to let him go and live on the island. He is still living there—after eight years—and has not coughed once.

A year ago a Johannesburg businessman asked for permission to take his 10-year-old daughter, suffering from T.B., to the island in a last attempt to save her life. The request was granted and after seven months on the island the girl showed no traces of tuberculosis. She remained for another three months, however, and has had no recurrence of the disease.

It is, therefore, particularly encouraging to note the growing number of teams who are turning out for events in correct racing kit, wearing the regulation dark, tight-fitting shorts and neat jerseys in special Club Colours.

In fact, those who face the starter in "Tinkers' Muffin" are now very much in the minority and it is to be hoped that they too will soon acquire the conventional costume. Apart from the important question of appearance, the wearing of distinctive Club colours enables riders, officials and spectators to pick out easily members of the different teams, an important point in close races. Clothes may not make a rider—but they can certainly make him easier to look at.

It is always a difficult task to choose a suitable title for a new club, one which is neat and appropriate. I feel I must applaud the ingenuity (and the courage) of the person who evolved the name "Cynetics" for the Club of the R.A.F. Little Sal Wan. A little forced, perhaps, but a welcome change from the usual run of names, which generally have little to commend them other than familiarity.

GETTING CLOSER. A warning from the Hon. Sec. of the NTACA. The Three-day race is getting closer, and the latest date for entries is Monday, January 24. Entries must be accompanied by the Entry Fee of \$5 per rider, and should show the name of the Club the rider is representing. There has been a change in the route for the Time Trial on the second day, due to the extensive work being carried out on the Castle Peak Road and in Kowloon. The Time Trial will now be over 35 miles, and the route used will be based on that for the NTACA Hilly "25".

Owing to lack of sufficient entries, the proposed Track Meeting for January 23 will not be held. The biggest trouble appears to be that the riders do not wish to dismount their gear-equipped machines during this very busy period, and there is insufficient Track Racing in Hongkong to justify the purchase of special Track bikes.

Bill Gower, a very downy young "Cynetic" indeed, boasted himself to second place in the three-distance table for the "SCMP" BAR Cup, when he won the Kai Tak Exiles Open 100 miles T.T. on Sunday.

Of the starting field of ten, only two completed the course, the strong and cold wind taking its toll. The other finisher was Rip Poole, one of the four Exiles entries, who rode an excellent first "100".

Beck, who was expected to do well, was in a very strong position at just over 50 miles. Then

Wyllat, corrected himself today and said that the world's record is still held by Ken Wisner, the Milwaukee dentist and former Navy Lieutenant, who cleared 6 ft. 10 1/4 inches at the Chicago Daily News Relays on March 28, 1933.

Wisner's mark was approved as an American indoor record at the National Amateur Athletic Union Convention on November 27, 1933, in Washington, according to Mr. T. Nelson Matcalf, University of Chicago Athletic Director and Daily News Relays head.

Mr. Matcalf said, "Apparently there was an oversight by AAU officials in the East" when they said that Wyllat had set the record. American indoor records are accepted automatically if world indoor records since there is very little indoor competition outside of the United States.

United Press.

a collision resulted in a buckled front wheel and his retirement, a disheartening end to a fine attempt.

But with two more "100s" to come, he can afford to be philosophical. Gower's time of 4-45-03 was close enough to the Colony record to cause a little worry to the holder, who was there to watch.

Another stronghold has been breached and another avenue for the dissemination of News and Views on Cycling has been made available to us. A cycling report will form part of the weekly "Sports Round-up" of Rediffusion, at 8.30 p.m. on Saturdays. May I hope that you will listen to it.

Question for the week. Which do you prefer, Prizes and Entry Fees or No Prizes and no money to play out?

FANLING GOLF

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club announces the draw for the Fanling Open Foursomes and the Fanling Open "Four-Ball" competitions, and the dates on which the first round matches must be completed.

They are published for the information of players participating hereunder.

OPEN FOURSOMES

The following is the draw for the Fanling Open Foursomes: First Round, January 23, 1955. Capt. D. A. Kennedy/Maj. J. H. Hayshe; Maj. E. L. Land/Maj. J. B. Walker; Maj. D. Provan/Lt. J. B. Walker; C. C. Myle/D. Hayshe; F. C. Stacey/Lt. D. Kibbee; H. E. Heath/J. J. Cowperthwaite; H. A. Lopez/C. H. Liang; Dr. J. Gray/W. D. Gore; H. A. Lopez/C. H. Liang; Dr. J. Gray/W. D. Gore; E. Weatherall/A. H. Beckford; T. T. Twohig/S. Allen; A. R. Pinn/H. R. Jones; J. B. Walker/Maj. J. H. Hayshe.

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WALLS BEATS SLADE

Toronto, Jan. 18. Earl Walls, the Canadian Heavyweight Boxing Champion, outpointed Jimmy Slade of New York in a ten-round non-title bout here last night. Victory for the Canadian avenged a defeat by Slade in New York in 1931, and helped him to his credit over British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell when both were in the light heavyweight division.

Walls was not too impressive last night and his heralded knockout punch was never in evidence. Slade sometimes took up the Canadian with his dancing weaving style.

Walls had a considerable weight advantage, weighing 14 stone 14 lbs. to Slade's 12 stone 11 1/2 lbs. Slade, however, was a good time of 4 mins. 18.7 secs. and in such

The members of the REME boxing team were in fine form when they joined forces with Royal Air Force boxers to do a good turn for a worthy charity—Miss Diana's Babies Home—at the Missions to Seamen on Monday evening. There was plenty of spirited fighting in the 10 bouts that made up the programme and in the end REME won the team event by 17 points to 10.

The Army competitors in the HKAAA Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill last Sunday collected a major share of the honours and at the end of the afternoon they had 8 firsts, 11 seconds and 4 thirds tucked away in the bag.

The performance of Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regt. in breaking the Colony record in the 1,500 Metres was the top feat of the afternoon and brought a great deal of admiration to his friends who were sure that he could better the previous record of 4 mins. 17 secs. This he did with a good time of 4 mins. 18.7 secs. and in such



It was a most difficult job deciding who should occupy the Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week. There were several worthy claimants for the position but after weighing up all the different performances I decided to award the top spot to Army South cricketer Clark for his brilliant bowling against Club de Recoelo at the week-end.

Clark's accurate and fiery bowling swung the game in favour of his side and the Recoelo batsmen were never able to take liberties with him.

His final analysis of 8 wickets for 35 runs is even more impressive when it is appreciated that his wickets were taken in just over 12 overs, and that four of these were maidens.

SOMETHING NEW We are beginning to think that we had just about exhausted most of the different types and forms of sports since this column started just over a year ago but new and novel items are still turning up.

Information has just been received of a group of young enthusiasts who have banded together to build and sail wireless-controlled model ships.

According to our information the club members have already built a couple of excellent craft and are having considerable success with their remote control vessels.

Army football in Hongkong is getting a fair share of publicity in the United Kingdom as a result of the various representations made by the players.

Recent issues of newspapers in the North of England contain reports of Army football activities in Hongkong and make reference to the play of Robson and Wallace, who are, of course, both professional players.

The latest news of Robson in the Northern Section League side. The articles give good reports of the play of both players and add that their home-town fans will be interested to see them back in action again.

That his first appearance in Worthington colours has been delayed due to injury, but he is expected to be fit again very soon.

It is interesting to hear that Arsenal are again revealing that they have not forgotten the good displays by Robson before he was called up for National Service. This will no doubt be news to those people in the Colony who have been writing glowing recommendations on his behalf for the Arsenal interest in Robson started almost three years ago, and was merely put in cold storage while he was serving overseas.

UNFORTUNATE Wallace will leave the Colony in the next couple of days and it is hoped he will be back in action with his home club very soon. In many ways Wallace has been an unfortunate player during his comparatively short time in Hongkong.

His quiet but efficient play in the right back position never quite caught the eye of the Colony representative team selectors and his appearances in this class of football have been somewhat restricted.

Although many good judges considered that he had no superior in his position in Hongkong football.

Congratulations to the Army hockey players who have been honoured by being selected for the forthcoming Interport games against Macao. Five players are given places in the official Hongkong Interport team; four first places in the Rest of the Colony side; while two more are included among the reserves. The additional honour of captaining the Hongkong team is given to M. M. J. Petters, and a victory over our near neighbours would make the whole picture complete.

The members of the REME boxing team were in fine form when they joined forces with Royal Air Force boxers to do a good turn for a worthy charity—Miss Diana's Babies Home—at the Missions to Seamen on Monday evening. There was plenty of spirited fighting in the 10 bouts that made up the programme and in the end REME won the team event by 17 points to 10.

The Army competitors in the HKAAA Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill last Sunday collected a major share of the honours and at the end of the afternoon they had 8 firsts, 11 seconds and 4 thirds tucked away in the bag.

The performance of Lt. Keith Burch of the Essex Regt. in breaking the Colony record in the 1,500 Metres was the top feat of the afternoon and brought a great deal of admiration to his friends who were sure that he could better the previous record of 4 mins. 17 secs. This he did with a good time of 4 mins. 18.7 secs. and in such

line style that there is every hope that he will further improve on the new record before the season is very much further advanced.

Lt. Cpl. Smith's winning effort in the 5,000 Metres is also worthy of special mention and his time of 16 minutes 26.6 seconds was a very good one considering the hazy condition of the track.

The Army will be strongly represented at the Boxing Show which is being staged at the Macpherson Stadium on Saturday evening. This programme will present boxers from the three Services and from Chinese amateur circles and there will be a series of first class bouts to make the show one of the best that has been staged in the Colony for a long time.

It is known that the organisers are aiming high and with the excellence of the recent REME Boxing Club-China Gymnasium show still fresh in the minds of the boxing public there is sure to be a big crowd to give moral and vocal support to the men in the ring.

Ron Barton Will Be Taking A Look At America This Year

By GEORGE WHITING

Cruiserweight Ron Barton, premier prospect in Britain's blood and knuckle business, will be taking a look at America in 1955. What is more important, America will be taking a look at Ron Barton.

The idea is that meat porter Barton—known down at Smithfield as the Marlon Brando of the carcass trade—shall occupy some six weeks of his time next summer studying American pugilistic methods.

If necessary, he would not mind busting a nose or two—strictly in the way of education, of course—in any available New York gymnasium. Stillman's, for instance.

The trip, which I have been asked to foster by Barton's manager, Arthur Boggs, should be of mutual benefit. The brilliant, 21-year-old Barton, handsome West Ham progeny of a Woolwich father and a Wexford mother, will assuredly have need of an international outlook if he continues to improve at the rapid pace of 1954.

APPRENTICE

As for the Americans, they will have seen no more natural fighter at his weight since Billy Conn, later to become a World Champion, was throwing apprentice punches.

Experience tells us not to get too excited about every good-looking youngster who can toss a left hook without falling over his own feet. But I am fortified in my belief in Barton by the shrewdly calculating minds of half the managers in England.

Consider the progress of this dark-haired young Apollo who learned enough about the rudiments of boxing to win the Amateur Middleweight Championship of Britain while serving in the RAF.

Early 1953 and we find Barton and your humble servant behind the Iron Curtain. The Poles, who that year were running the European Amateur Championships, took one look at the 120 competitors and decided that the man they wanted to see was the "Parade of Nations" round their Warsaw Stadium was Britain's Ron Barton.

Later that week, the youthful Barton broke the nose of a German, drew blood from an Italian, and got himself out-pointed by a Czech.

Early 1954... and we find Barton a fledgling professional awaiting his first commercial contest down at Leyton Baths for the princely emolument of £25.

A cruiserweight called Jim Lindley was his opponent, but not for long. Inside of three minutes Mr Lindley had accepted such a persuasive punch on the jaw that he was no longer interested in blighting the pristine career of Mr Barton.

From that evening last February, Barton began consolidating solidly to the record books. To date he has won 12 fights and lost the lot with three opponents still sufficiently combative at the end of the referee to have need of a score card.

And if an achievement of 12 wins in a total of 43 rounds of boxing sounds rather too easy, let manager Boggs disabuse us.

"Barton had up to 40 rounds of sparring for every one of those fights," he tells us.

"He trained for each bout as though it were a championship. He is learning his business in the only possible way—by boxing with the best. And the best, in his case, have included champions like Don Cockell, Johnny Williams and Alex Buxton."

£500 CLASS

Early 1955... we now find Barton up in the £500 class, and within a fight or two of the British Championship held by the aforementioned Alex Buxton.

Turning down a name-your-own-price offer from New Zealand, Barton begins training in a Brighton public house next week for a Championship eliminator at the Royal Albert Hall on January 18 against Arthur Howard of Islington.

On February 6 he has a strictly commercial venture at Harringay against an as yet unnamed opponent, probably a Continental.

On March 8 he will be seen at Earls Court and it is revealing no secret to mention that certain parties would like the opposite pool to be occupied by Champion Buxton himself. However, Barton first has to beat Howard.

With goods looks, hard knuckles, a boxing brain, a calm modest banking account, and a steady job, this young Barton follows the world before him.

May he stride through it with an untamed head—and holding the Union Jack as proudly as he once paraded it in Warsaw—(London Express Service).

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 15th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Race will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12 o'clock NOON each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 21st January at— 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m. 5 D'Aguiar Street at 5.00 p.m. Queen's Building, (Chater Road) at 6.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Buckers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tote Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards, H. MIBA, Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

Over 1,050,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m. 5 D'Aguiar Street, at 5.00 p.m. Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

PENGUIN LAND RACE IS ON

FIFTY-THREE years ago—when Scott reached the South Pole only to find that Amundsen had got there a month earlier—Antarctica was the no-man's land of the world. Today many nations have a stake in the Penguin continent; and three of them are now engaged in further exploration of this great land mass which is almost as large as South America.

Will Britain be the first to open it up? Or America? Or Australia? So far, Britain leads.

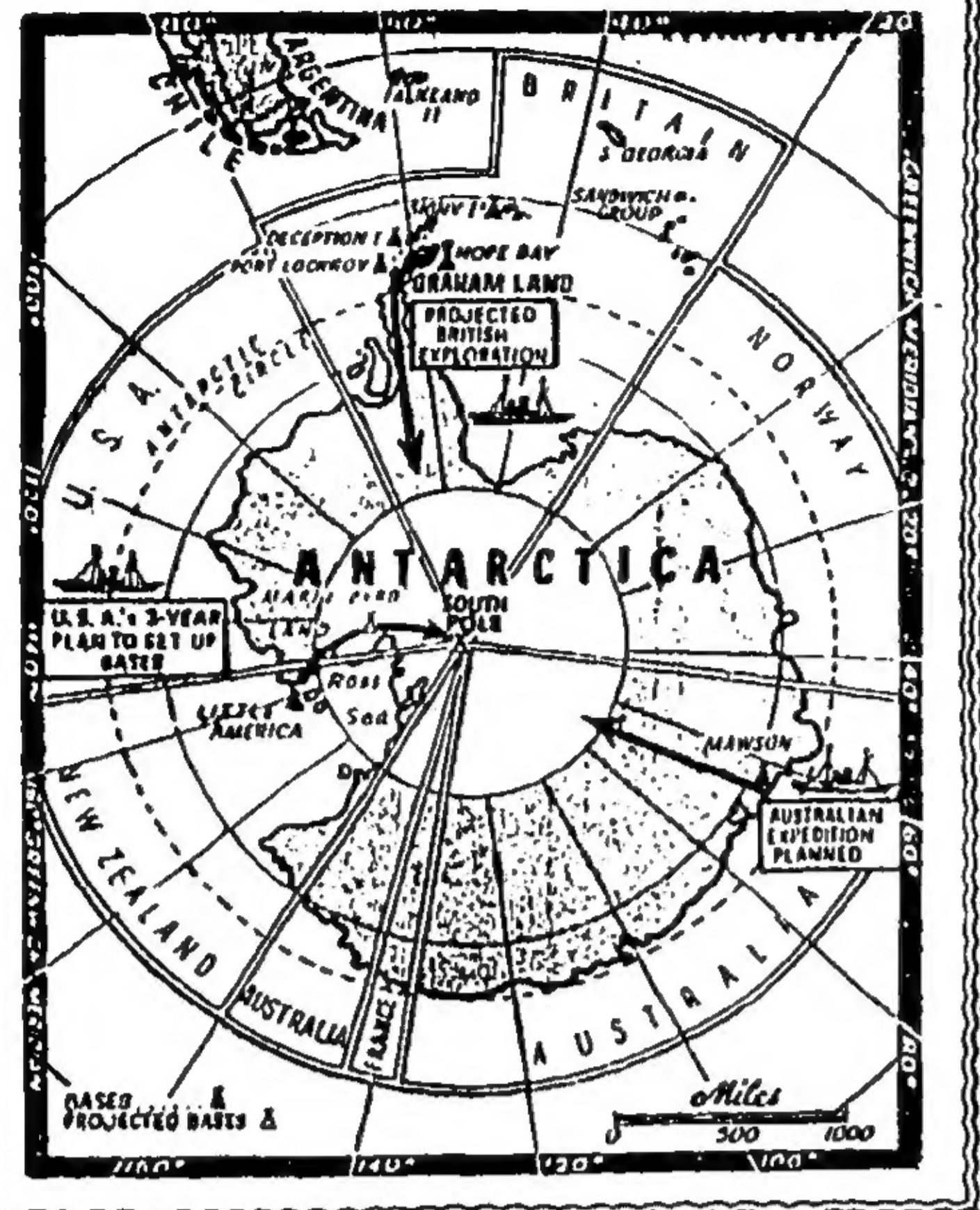
The British ship John Briscon has in post-war years been a floating headquarters for research teams, and British explorers have made Graham Land the only part of the continent of which much is really known.

This month, plans are even being discussed for a 2,500-mile trek with huskies and sledges across the Pole from coast to coast.

Meanwhile, the Australians have just set up a new base at Mawson—the most southerly permanent base in the world. From here they, too, are preparing to move inland towards the Pole.

They point to the new air-ways flights across the North Pole, and believe in the day when there will be Australian air routes over Antarctica.

The Americans have a three-year programme that was put into operation last week when 35 scientists left Boston in the ice-breaker *Albatross*. They plan to set up three bases, including one on the Pole itself, and search for oil, coal and uranium.



Spain Expects U.S. Benefits

Spain enters 1955 with the optimistic conviction that collaboration with the United States is likely to bring her substantial benefits during the year.

She was flattered by the visit to Spain during 1954 of two members of the United States Navy, Admiral C. V. Wherry, Chief of Naval Operations, and Mr. Charles Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr. Harold Talbot, Secretary of Air.

Other American personalities who came to Spain during 1954 included Mr. Stanley H. T. of the Food and Agricultural Administration, and Admiral C. V. Wherry, Chief of Naval Operations. There was a constant flow of high-ranking United States defence officers and numerous Senators and Representatives.

Nor was this a one-way traffic. Spain's Ministers of Army, Air and Commerce each paid visits lasting several weeks to the United States, and were much fettered. Leading figures of the journalistic world such as Barcelona's *El Mundo*, with its Jose Pla, and Senator Francisco de Luis, manager of the important publishing firm Editorial Catalana, made long trips through the United States and wrote in enthusiastic terms about their visits. They were impressed to discover how active is Catholicism in the United States. Most Spaniards regard the United States as totally Protestant.

Highly Pleased

All this coming and going is highly pleasing to a Spain, which, since 1939, has been living in isolation. The stiff, proud Spaniards find the dynamic ways of the Americans contagious. They appreciate gestures such as that of the giant *El Correo*, which, in the past, carried the *El Mundo* from the Straits of Gibraltar during Christmas, found its way to the *El Mundo* in Spanish the greeting "Feliz Navidad" (Happy Christmas).

These little touches often mean more than elaborate diplomatic efforts.

Perhaps the most striking internal note in 1954 was General Franco's opening of negotiations with the Pretender, Prince Juan of Bourbon, for the latter's 16-year-old son, Prince Juan Carlos, to receive his education in Spain, fitting him to succeed, eventually, as head of state.

Prince Juan has still not said "Si" (Yes). He is only 14 himself and feels that he should not be "by-passed" from the crown. But the latest impression is that he will agree in the end.

General Franco has had sharp exchanges of opinion with Britain and France over Gibraltar and Morocco respectively.

Britain regarded the visit to Gibraltar last May of the beautiful young Queen Elizabeth as a routine Royal visit to a British colony. General Franco saw it as a studied humiliation of Spain by Britain. He has set up a series of border controls which affect Gibraltar's economic life and recreational activity. As the year ended, the issue seemed to have receded somewhat into the background.

Spain's enthusiasm for the cause of Mohammed V of Morocco, deposed by the French, has caused icy relations with France during 1954. Mr. Mendez-Franco has smoothed out the situation somewhat by promising to keep Spain informed of any fundamental changes in Morocco, where Spain also has a Protectorate.

Economically, 1954 was not particularly good, although a bumper wheat crop of some 4,600,000 tons, believed to be the

third best of the century, and the beginning of United States aid to Spain helped to sustain confidence.

Critics say that the basic trouble is lack of a long-term economic policy. However, that may be the excess of imports and exports is considerable and this situation was sharply highlighted when Germany recently declared that no more German goods would be shipped to Spain until her outstanding trade debt of 15,000,000 d.m. had been paid.

Farmers Grumble

Farmers grumble at the increase in the price of foodstuffs. The price of wheat, for example, has risen from 1.50 pesetas per quintal in 1953 to 2.50 pesetas in 1954. This is due to the fact that Spain is a net importer of foodstuffs, and the price of imports has risen sharply.

The farmers also grumble at the fact that the Government has not taken any steps to reduce the price of foodstuffs. They feel that the Government should take steps to reduce the price of foodstuffs, as it has done in the past.

With most of Spain affected by electric power cuts of from 20 hours a week upwards, critics think that more energetic action is needed to import the plant to remedy the situation.

Some of Spain's leading banks are considering forming a consortium of the nation's leading banks to work out an "economic plan" for Spain, something like France's "Monnet Plan", the success of which has made a deep impression on Spain's economic circles.

General Franco worked hard during 1954 to cement his friendship with the Arab League, and his criticism of the French for deposing Mohammed V, helped along this policy. Abdel Kader Hassan, secretary of the Arab League, was lavishly entertained during a three weeks' stay in Spain.

General Franco seems to have been watching Mediterranean affairs particularly closely. Another honoured guest to Spain was Marshal Papagos, Prime Minister of Greece.

General Franco himself was invited aboard the *Coral Sea* to watch exercises by the United States 6th Fleet and a promise was made that joint naval exercises would be held by Spain and the United States.

Latin America

Nor did General Franco neglect Latin America. Generalissimo, the "strong man" of the Dominican Republic, was another visitor to Spain. On the other hand, Argentina showed displeasure at the failure to reach a settlement for the payment by Spain of over 2,000 million pesetas (200,000,000) owed to Argentina for some years now.

Mr. Molotov changed Stalingrad policy towards Spain to the extent of returning home during 1954, the 28th Spanish "Blue Division" prisoners held by Russia since 1942.

Trials of "oppositonists" included one of 15 Freemasons, another of 17 Anarchists, and a third of 15 Basque Nationalists. Low sentences or acquittals predominated, but a surprise was the rounding up from their homes last July of 30 Basque Communists allowed out of prison after sentences of 6 to 1 years in 1953 and who were given new sentences ranging from 20 years to 1 year.

Critics summed up 1954 as a good year for General Franco in the foreign and political fields, but predict the need in future for basic economic planning, with possibly more autonomy for the provinces. China Mail Special.

Ants Eating Into Italian Culture

Hordes of voracious termites are silently, secretly, gnawing at the heart of Italian culture.

In 1954, Italian archaeologists, in the belief that the Roman nobility in Renaissance buildings which are museums in themselves, the little white ant-hills have been seen at work destroying precious frescoes and old tapestries, valuable records and documents, antique furniture and the very beams which support palaces and churches.

The first cry of alarm at the menace of the termites was heard in Italy in 1947, when the efforts to organise an effective anti-termite campaign were instituted.

Since then, the hordes, but not in Southern Italy at the time, have ravaged a large number of buildings. On the way, they have infected the National Library at Florence, the Church of St. Peter and St. Dominic in Venice, and the Church of St. Mark in Rome, the latter the most important of the Ministry of Justice in Rome and other notable buildings.

Termites, whose only relation to the common household ant is their status as a pest, are extremely busy, life, were once thought to thrive exclusively in warm climates.

But the fact that in Italy at least, they have invaded the fairly cold northern cities of Genoa and Venice, as well as the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic coasts, has shown that they can also live—and ravage—in the cold.

"It is all a matter of appetite," a thug in Italy who has been studying the problem for a long time.

Termites eat wood and paper. They set up colonies in the foundations of old buildings, where humidity is ideal for termite constitution, and systematically wreck havoc on paper and wood within striking distance.

When the supplies within reach dwindle, the colony moves to a more prosperous hunting ground.

The unlimited provisions in libraries and old palaces, with their volumes of delicious, time-worn paper, and soft, mouldering furniture, are an irresistible lure for the termites.

The damage they cause was vividly illustrated in Rome recently, when a student browsing in a public library opened a valuable old edition of Dante's *Divine Comedy* and found a grooved between the two engraved covers. The pages of the book had been completely eaten away by the termites, a colony of which was found nesting in a gap in the wall behind the bookshelves.

Students of the termite menace also recount that an unnamed Cardinal of the Roman Curia got into bed one night some years ago and was found some minutes later on the floor, kicking wildly. Servants discovered that termites had

gnawed away the supporting wooden bed.

Termites, it is estimated, cause a loss of 1,000,000,000 lire (200,000,000) in Italy each year, and are a major cause of the decay of the nation's old buildings and monuments.

From all over Italy have come stories of termites eating into the walls of churches, and into the frames of the most famous of Italian art, the Sistine Chapel.

The total damage is still most notable.

But the seriousness of the termite threat to the nation's cultural heritage was underlined at a recent congress at Genoa, in which the fight to exterminate termites was discussed.

The Italian Government first took alarm at the menace in 1950, after much prompting from museums, libraries, book collectors and owners of valuable buildings.

Defence laws providing for funds to combat the threat were prepared. But it was not until 1952 that they were finally passed by Italy's two Houses of Parliament and 750,000,000 lire (143,000,000) set aside for the anti-termite campaign.

A privately-financed campaign had by then been in progress for five years—with little success.

Now, with ample funds at their disposal, the campaigners redoubled their efforts.

Their attacks on the termites aim at eliminating the humidity in nationally important buildings, like big public libraries and art galleries, repairing old walls and decaying beams which may attract colonies of insects, and substituting metal for wood wherever possible, especially in the foundations of public buildings.

The best disinfectant is found to be Xylamon, a product also widely used abroad against destructive insects.

Although this campaign has started, delegates to the Cesena congress stressed that only all-out efforts can counter a threat as serious as that of the termites.

The ambiguous wording of the 1952 laws forced those engaged in the fight to ignore private buildings. Termites can force nest in private buildings, multiply, train fresh workers and reinforce their ranks for attacks on the buildings which count.

The conclusions of the Congress, now being studied by the Government, were that public funds should be increased and, for the first time, a "door-to-door" search for termites wherever they can be found.

Cardinal's bed or the beams of a Gothic cathedral—China Mail Special.

TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

CANADA'S DEBTORS

Five Nations In Default

Ottawa, Jan. 18.

Canada's foreign debtors paid off \$92,883,000 on their loans during 1953, the Auditor General, Mr. Watson Sellar, reported today, but Greece, Rumania, China and Czechoslovakia defaulted.

Mr. Sellar reported loans to foreign governments totalled \$1,772,000,000 at the end of the 1953-54 fiscal year.

Rumania had defaulted on \$24,392,000, and Greece on \$5,329,000 "for many years," Mr. Sellar added that the Czechs defaulted on \$9,000,000 that became due then. Since then a settlement for payments in five annual instalments has been worked out.

Russia paid \$89,597,000 on its debt during 1953, a \$5,395,000 balance owing at March 31, 1954.

Britain paid \$63,192,000 and owed 1,284,623,000 at the end of 1953. It has been repaying its loan in instalments as the payments fell due.

Other payments were made by Belgium, \$2,307,000; France, \$1,100,000; Netherlands, \$5,140,000; Indonesia, \$1,545,000; and Norway, \$2,628,000.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Jan. 18.

Cotton prices today stabilised after a mixed opening and closed on higher ground for the first time in the past eight sessions.

Technical replacement buying, plus a subsidence of active hedge selling, and a routine demand from domestic textile mills and exporters acted to turn the tide.

Liverpool brokers, leading sellers of the new crop positions in the afternoon, when an estimated 5,000 bales were put into the ring, became noticeably less active after the British market closed.

Final prices ruled 1 to 3 points higher. The market opened unchanged, and off 4 points. New Orleans closed unchanged to up 7 points.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Singapore, Jan. 18.
The rubber market opened steady with some trade buying but later sagged with interest slackening and some profit-taking.

Future closings were:
No. 1 rubber per lb. 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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1955.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

'You're Wanted'

HE was at his work in East London, when they came to him and said: "You're wanted on the telephone—it's the police."

"Say, it's not Buckingham Palace?" he said. He was not the sort the police rang up on royalty.

His fellow-workers in the office watched as he picked up the telephone. "Yes," he said into the receiver. "Martin here."

Then, "No, no, no, there must be some mistake," the latencies heard him say. And those whose eyes, as well as ears, were trained upon their colleague, saw how the colour drained from his face.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

"I'll come straight away," Martin said into the telephone. He put down the receiver, and hurried to ask for leave of absence from his desk. It was granted.

He put on a coat and hat, and hurried towards the address he had been given over the telephone—the address of Clerkenwell Court.

At the court, a little earlier, Martin's wife, whose name was Hilda, had pleaded guilty, before Mr. Frank Powell, to a charge of stealing from a shop. She had taken three pairs of men's gloves, one pair of women's, two brooches, two pairs of stockings, a shirt, a pair of trousers. A total valued at £9 4s.

FALSE NAME

"I SHOULD add," said the officer in charge of Hilda's case, "that at first she gave a false name and address, and said that she was a widow."

In fact, she is a married woman, 50 years old. She has five children, the eldest aged 24, who is married now, the youngest a boy of 12.

The magistrate turned to Hilda. "Does your husband know about this?" he asked her.

Hilda, a neat little woman in a blue coat with lizard brooches on the lapels, and a matching hat, half-sobbed: "I haven't told him. I haven't told anyone."

"I suppose he ought to know," said the magistrate.

GET IT OVER

"Oh, please, please, no," Hilda cried. "I don't know what possessed me yesterday. I just took my boy to the shop to get another aeroplane. I thought one he was given for Christmas, that the dog chewed up. While he was looking at aeroplanes."

"Where is your husband now?" Mr. Powell inquired.

"At work."

"I think I must see him," said Mr. Powell.

"The sooner you get it over the better," said the magistrate. He gave instructions to the police.

SO AMAZED

THE court adjourned, for the morning's list was short. It resumed when Hilda's husband arrived. He was shown to the witness-box. A lean, bewildered man, with wavy hair. "This is a terrible shock," he said.

"I really wanted you here because I think the husband ought to know about these things," said Mr. Powell.

"I'm just so amazed, I don't know what to say. My wife's not been well. I've asked her to see a doctor, but, but..."

"Well, I'm going to discharge her now, so that you can take her away," said the magistrate. "You will be able to see that she has any medical attention she needs."

"Oh, thank you, sir," Martin said, and he hurried away to help his wife bear the blow her actions had inflicted on them both.

DEATH OF OLD Resident

Mrs. Margaret Ord Fox, an old resident of the Colony, passed away early this morning at the age of 80, at her residence, 63 Robinson Road.

Widow of the late Mr. W. W. Fox, formerly of the Education Department, Mrs. Fox is survived by four daughters: four daughters, Killy, Anne, Ruby and Emily; two daughters-in-law, Rose and Constance; and four grandchildren, Leslie, Reginald, Eric, and Kathleen, who is in England.

The funeral will take place tomorrow. The cortege will leave the Hongkong Funeral Home at 4 p.m. for St. Paul's Church, Glenageary, where a service will be held at 4.40 p.m. Interment will follow in the Colonial Cemetery, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

Mail Notices

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BRITAIN TRIES TO DEPORT A PROBLEM WOMAN

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 19.

A woman the Home Office wants to deport is still in Britain after nine months' effort to get rid of her.

No country this side of the Iron Curtain will accept Zdenka Schonova. And she says that if she goes back to her native Czechoslovakia she will be executed.

The deportation order against Zdenka, a brown-haired, bespectacled woman, was made nine months ago. The Home Office suspected that she informed on her fellow-Czechs for the Soviet Embassy.

Since the order was made she has spent 114 days in Holloway Gaol. Now she lives at home in London with her husband—under constant supervision.

Peter Arton, 32-year-old Czech-born London businessman, who was arrested at the same time as Mrs. Schonova, was deported to Israel in April, a few hours after his wedding.

Israel, Holland and France have all refused to take Mrs. Schonova. The Home Office is still trying to find a country that will have her.

There is no time-limit to the deportation order. If she stays in Britain for another 50 years she will still be liable to be sent away.

WEB OF TERROR

Since the war there has been a Communist terror-web in Britain. It still thrives.

There is an underground army of British and foreign agents carrying on the nervous war against European and Russian refugees.

Till this network was smashed these men, women, and children lived in fear.

Tough personal visits to the refugees from Communism, agents have largely ceased, they are receiving letters and enticing "come back home" books from Iron Curtain countries.

FREE TRAVEL

At Bradford, Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester, and Leeds European workers have received tickets, newspapers, and propaganda through the post. Some have had personal visits from Russian agents.

All the propaganda aims to induce the foreign worker to return to the other side of the Iron Curtain. Letters bearing the address of the Soviet Consulate in London have enclosed forms to be filled in with names and personal details.

They promised free travel, free accommodation, free medical treatment.

At Bradford, where Polish priest Father Borynski disappeared a year ago and where a Ukrainian woman committed suicide through fear of being freed back to her own country, the refugees have been subjected to a heavy propaganda campaign.

IT IS SPRING

It is entitled "It is Spring in My Home Country" and contains photographs of Russian girls in national costume.

Said Pastor Abolins: "They are keen to get us back behind the Iron Curtain because we are the living witnesses of a free way of life. But none of our people has gone back. None will go back."

Captain Awarded £4,000

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Mr. Milmo submitted that Captain Hood could not be awarded damages in respect of the publication of the item in the New Zealand newspapers, for he had already recovered them.

No one suggested the Captain had done anything disreputable in connection with the voyage of the Capella or that he was not a man of completely unblemished reputation.

Mr. Milmo emphasised that the Reuters message had said in nearly every sentence that it was what the Chinese Nationalist agency were saying. They did not vouch for its accuracy.

Summing up Mr. Justice Fennimore said no one suggested there was any malice.

Radio Hongkong

ILLUSTRATION: 6.00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.10 Lucky Dip—Variety Requests; 6.30 Weather Report; 7.00 Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.05 Commentary (London Relay); 7.10 Special Announcement; 7.15 Question Master; 7.20 Twenty Questions; 7.30 Concert: Hall of Radio Hong Kong; 7.35 News; 7.40 The Team; 7.45 Butler; 7.50 News; 7.55 News; 8.00 News; 8.05 News; 8.10 News; 8.15 News; 8.20 News; 8.25 News; 8.30 News; 8.35 News; 8.40 News; 8.45 News; 8.50 News; 8.55 News; 9.00 News; 9.05 News; 9.10 News; 9.15 News; 9.20 News; 9.25 News; 9.30 News; 9.35 News; 9.40 News; 9.45 News; 9.50 News; 9.55 News; 10.00 News; 10.05 News; 10.10 News; 10.15 News; 10.20 News; 10.25 News; 10.30 News; 10.35 News; 10.40 News; 10.45 News; 10.50 News; 10.55 News; 11.00 News; 11.05 News; 11.10 News; 11.15 News; 11.20 News; 11.25 News; 11.30 News; 11.35 News; 11.40 News; 11.45 News; 11.50 News; 11.55 News; 12.00 News; 12.05 News; 12.10 News; 12.15 News; 12.20 News; 12.25 News; 12.30 News; 12.35 News; 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